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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION (Walton E. Lee)

Jackson, Miss., March 19, 1929.

Representatives from more than 1,300 Sunday Schools and nearly 1,500 B. Y. P. U.'s in the State met tonight in the auditorium of this city in the sixteenth annual Convention.

The committee on entertainment was kept busy throughout the day looking after the assigning to comfortable homes those who had come from every section of the state, and at the initial session the crowd overspread the main floor far up into the galleries.

The opening songs were inspiring under the leadership of "Bob" Coleman, who had been invited to have charge of all the music of the convention.

Earnest words of welcome were spoken by E. D. Kenna, which were responded to by J. N. McMillin.

Miss Lillian Forbes brought a helpful message on the Elementary Department, in which she has specialized.

President L. T. Lowrey in his annual message impressed upon the messengers that they are here as ambassadors from their churches and schools and entreated that they prove faithful in getting all the good possible out of the convention to carry back to those at home. It was a timely message.

The following committees were appointed: On Resolutions: F. M. Purser, Miss Mary D. Yarbrough and J. W. Mayfield. On Nominations: W. E. Farr, O. P. Estes and Miss Juanita Byrd.

A great message was brought by Dr. Elmer Ridgeway, of San Angelo, Texas, who came as a substitute for Dr. Marshall Craig, of Dallas, and proved a worthy one. The subject of the message was "The Secret of a Towering Personality", using as a text I Cor. 9:22, "I am made all things to all men if by all means I may save some". This statement is the secret of Paul's marvelous success, that soul winning is the paramount business of the Christian and all can be soul winners if willing to pay the price, declared the speaker. Paul's purpose in life was not to amuse and entertain, nor simply to educate and moralize, but to seek the regeneration, redemption and holiness of those to whom he ministered, was further emphasized. The thrilling message was concluded by impressing some results of Paul's purpose. He led the nations to the gate of salvation, which salvation is God wrought, blood bought and soul sought. He led nations to the gate of sonship, which is eternal and supernal. It was indeed a soul stirring address.

### Morning Session of the Second Day

The first two hours of each morning of the convention were given to conferences on the different departments of the work. Each conference was directed by a specialist and the attendance showed the representatives had come for real business.

Following the conference periods the spacious auditorium of the new building of the First Baptist Church rapidly filled even out into the galleries for the inspirational hours. Mr. Robert Coleman led in the singing enthusiastically some

of the familiar songs. A feature of the song service was a solo by Mr. Perkins, a Clarke Memorial College student, following which the convention was led in prayer by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, whose presence was noted in the assembly.

Dr. F. M. Purser brought a very helpful message on Missions, setting forth the task of the Sunday Schools in implanting the mission idea. With earnestness the Sunday School teachers were urged to seize and use the opportunities

### THE DISTANCE TO \$120,000.00

The time limit upon the raising of the \$120,000.00 for cooperative work is April 30th. The amount to be raised by that date is \$77,558.47.

The amount appropriated this year for State Mission work is \$73,000.00. This calls for an average monthly outlay of over \$6,000.00. Our State Mission work receives 18% of the budget receipts. For State Missions to receive \$73,000.00 during the year, it will be necessary to raise for the budget \$405,555.00. To raise \$120,000.00 by the 30th of April will require \$24,081.65 from the 19th until the close of March, which is but little more than the amount given last year during the same period of time, and then \$53,466.82 for April, which is the exact amount given last year during said month. The budget receipts plus designated gifts for 1928, plus 10% of budget and designated gifts for 1928, divided by three equals \$120,000.00. By using this formula each church can arrive at the amount asked for the first four months of the year 1929.

We should like to hear from as many pastors as believe they can raise one-third of the year's quota by April 30th.

—R. B. Gunter,

Corresponding Secretary.

presented in their classes of creating a real missionary spirit.

A quartet by the girls from the school at Columbia was greatly enjoyed.

It was a great pleasure to have L. T. Holcomb address the convention since he is a Mississippi product but has been loaned to Texas and has been made Mission Secretary of that great state. The subject of his message was "Church Finance". The weekly Unified Budget was stressed, three advantages of it being set forth: (1) It is scriptural; (2) It magnifies the church and (3) It enlists all the folks in the church. The most effective agency of putting the weekly budget in force are the Sunday Schools, was most earnestly stressed, because of its already existing organization and its closest touch with the church membership. The convention was favored with a brief message by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who paid a tribute to the work that is being done in the Sunday Schools, the B. Y. P. U.'s and W. M. U.'s in kingdom building.

### Afternoon Session of the Second Day

Following the song service "The Social Life" of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. was discussed by W. A. Harrell. The social life is an opportunity of contact afforded in every department of the Sunday School and should be used in such a way as to make the right kind of contact and the right kind of effect, stressed Mr. Harrell.

The Sunday School as a factor in real Christian education was effectively discussed by Dr. J. S. Riser. The Sunday School presents one of the greatest opportunities for informing and indoctrinating the churches constituency, said Bro. Riser.

Evangelism was the subject of Dr. W. M. Bostick's message. Among the essentials to being a soul winner was mentioned, (1) a consecrated life, (2) a soul felt responsibility for the lost and (3) a realization that people are lost.

Mr. W. D. Hudgins, the leader in S. S. and B. Y. P. U. work in Tennessee, in addition to having charge of the administration conference of the convention, brought a splendid message on the Conservation and Growth of Young Converts.

A feature of the convention that did not appear on the printed program and that came as a surprise was a recognition of the 25 years of service rendered by Bro. J. E. Byrd. Beautiful words of commendation and appreciation of his faithful work were spoken by W. D. Hudgins, serving in like capacity in Tennessee for more than twenty years, and Bro. A. S. Johnston, his pastor. A set of silver was presented Bro. and Sister Byrd by the Sunday Schools of the State as a token of their appreciation, this being his silver anniversary in the work.

### Evening Session of the Second Day

"The young people and adult departments was ably discussed by W. P. Philips of the Sunday School Board, who is conducting one of the conferences of the Convention, emphasizing the need of better preparation in the churches for adult teaching and training. This in better quarters and better teachers.

The second message by Dr. Ridgeway was on the subject, "The Lost Art" on the text, "Lord teach us to pray", Luke 11:1. The lost art is knowing how to effectively pray. The great need of all preachers, Sunday School superintendents and teachers is to pray. Prayer was defined as the soul's contact with that soul's God. Six characteristics of the real prayer were discussed (1) To God; (2) In Jesus' name; (3) In accordance with the will of God; (4) Without malice; (5) Lives free from secret sin; (6) With confidence. "Don't You Hear the Golden Bells" was sung by Alvon Doty in response to a special request that he sing.

### Morning of the Third Day

Today is B. Y. P. U. day as yesterday was Sunday School day in the Convention.

The conferences which opened the day were on B. Y. P. U. work and were well attended, notwithstanding a very heavy rain just at the opening hour. A spirit of earnestness pervaded the attendants and the absence of the loitering crowd was noticeable. It was physically impossible for your reporter to attend all the conferences. The two attended, on S. S. Administration by W. D.



Hudgins and The Pastor and His Young People by Dr. F. M. Purser, were both well attended and helpful. Reports from the others were encouraging in a great degree.

The general meetings of this day were presided over by Bro. Auber Wilds, Dr. Lowrey, the regular president, having been called away.

"A Great Church Department" was discussed helpfully by Dr. W. W. Willian, the B. Y. P. U. Director of Florida, present in the convention to conduct the General Officers conferences.

Dr. John L. Hill, the next speaker on the program is not a stranger to the Sunday School and young people workers. He was on the program of the Convention in Greenwood two years ago and he was listened to today with deep interest. The subject discussed by Dr. Hill was "Five Distinctive Principles of Baptists".

- (1) The all sufficiency of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.
- (2) The democracy of the cross and those redeemed by the sacrifice of the cross.
- (3) Perfect soul liberty.
- (4) Unhampered devotion to truth.
- (5) Responsible Stewardship.

In the adoption of the report of the Committee on Nominations, Clarksdale was chosen as the next meeting place on Tuesday afternoon the third Sunday 1930 at 7:15 P. M. o'clock. Rev. D. A. McCall was elected President, Pres. H. T. McLaurin, Vice-president and W. L. Compere, Laurel, Secretary.

#### Afternoon Session of the Third Day

A feature of the song service greatly enjoyed was a solo, "I know not why He loved me so", by Bro. W. G. Mize.

Following the song service was the Sword Drill to decide the representative in the Southwide contest to be held in Memphis next December. The winner was Miss Gertrude Belk, of Oxford, with Miss Merle Williams, of Jackson, as alternate.

"Our 1929 Baptist Young People" was earnestly and helpfully discussed by Miss Elizabeth Perry, a worker among young people in Alabama.

Another great address was brought by Dr. Hill on, "Testing Christ for Life's Call". It was an earnest plea for a surrendered life to the cause of Christ.

The awarding of the banners is always a tense hour in the convention and it proved equally so today. The college banner was won by Blue Mountain College; General Organization banner by Davis Memorial Church, Jackson; the Adult banner by Oxford; the Senior banner by Toomsaba; the Intermediate banner by the Orphanage; the Junior banner by Baldwin; the Association banner by Perry County; the Mileage banner by First Church, Meridian; the Poster banner by Calvary Church, Jackson; the Best Idea banner by Woman's College; the Sunday School banner by Morton.

#### Evening Session of the Third Day

Notwithstanding a steady downpour of rain, almost to storm proportions, a good crowd was present at the final session to hear an address by Dr. W. W. Willian and the convention closed pronounced by all as a most successful one.

D. W. A. McComb highly commends Pastor U. E. Reid of Stuart, Fla., a native of Mississippi who would return to the state if the Lord so directs. He is a graduate of the Louisville Seminary with successful pastoral experience.

Occasionally you hear some belated critic charging Baptists with being narrow and bigoted. Well we have at least two Baptist Colleges in Mississippi which have organized Epworth Leagues among their students. Now find a college of some other denomination in the state which has a B. Y. P. U. among its students. In Mississippi College there are at least five professors with wives who are members of other denominations, and no pressure has been brought to bear on them to bring them into the Baptist Church. Can you duplicate that in a college of some other denomination?

#### HAMPSTEAD HEATH—No. II

##### On Viewing the Prospect from the Constable Firs

By Sue Lipsey

London, England.—There is something in man which impels him to go to the top of the hill to see what is beyond; any vista from a height gives the mind a thrill of pleasure and satisfaction which is comparable to no other.

Our walks take us to different parts of Hampstead Heath. Though we have gone many times, no two routes have been the same. And, yet, in each of the ramblings we have found some view from a hilltop that has lifted our hearts.

One way we went across the meadowed playgrounds near our house and then climbed a succession of steepnesses. At the top stood a group of old pine trees. I turned to survey the way we had come through gorse and trees, and beheld not that way, but a misty valley and a long way in the distance, rolling hills.

Such a vista is not uncommon in England. But this view is particularly interesting because of its associations. We were in the circle of the Constable Firs, outside Sir Hall Caine's garden, looking across the hills to Harrow. These trees though only a few yards from Spaniards Road have a penetrating atmosphere of solitude. We sat on a rustic bench in contemplation of the beauty of the misty valley below us.

That view was glory enough for one day. I felt that beauty was stored in my heart for remembrance in many seasons. No wonder there are great nature poets in England. Of a similar, but more magnificent prospect Wordsworth says as he stands gazing over the valley of the River Wye:

"While here I stand, not only with a sense  
Of present pleasure, but with pleasing thoughts  
That in this moment there is life and food  
For future years.

The circle of pine trees, called the Constable Firs, is known to all lovers of the Heath. Perhaps they are so-called for Constable because of the sympathy and power with which he paints trees in his landscapes. Certain it is that this artist, the best of the English landscape painters, knew and loved them, and also painted them in one or two of his pictures.

These trees, the seeds of which are supposed to have come from Italy in the eighteenth century, were familiar not only to Constable but to Erskine, who built Hall Caine's house, and to Edmund Burke who visited him, as well as to Coleridge and Keats whose only meeting took place on the other side of the way.

After long and bitter differences, Burke near to his death called on Erskine and said he wished to die at peace with his former enemy. Erskine was a brilliant lawyer, a defender of Warren Hastings and a champion of the revolutionary ideas of Thomas Paine's "Rights of Man"; therefore he was opposed to Edmund Burke, better known to us for his famous "Conciliation with America" than for his conducting the impeachment of Warren Hastings or his belief in established institutions. They walked together in the garden near the firs and looked down on London.

Burke thought it a marvelous scene and said, "You reformers are trying to wipe out everything good and beautiful, but you cannot wipe out that".

Leigh Hunt walked with the poet Coleridge back along Spaniards Road from The Grove in Highgate Village to his own home in the Vale of Health, the hollow east of Leg O'Mutton Pond. Keats passed them.

But hardly had he gone three or four paces when he swung back and said, "Coleridge let me carry away the memory of having taken your hand".

Coleridge shook hands with the young poet and without further words Keats went on.

"There is death in that hand", Coleridge re-

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#### LIFE STORY OF J. B. GAMBRELL

##### IV

While he was in Oxford his next door neighbor was L. Q. C. Lamar, in later years successively a United States Senator from Mississippi, member of President Cleveland's cabinet, and a member of the Supreme Court of the United States. One day Mr. Lamar said to him: "Do not neglect public men; above any men in the world they need to be helped religiously. Public men are the most neglected men in the world by religious people."

We once heard Dr. Gambrell say that the greatest speech that he had ever heard in his life was delivered by Mr. Lamar when a Negro policeman had killed a white man and was being tried for his life. Speaking to a jury, Mr. Lamar said:

"Gentlemen, in the trial of this humble and friendless and despised prisoner, you yourselves are on trial, and this country in which we live is on trial, and the white race is on trial, and our civilization is on trial. If it shall be demonstrated that in these passionate and troublous days in which we live we are unable to rise above passion in the solemn precincts of justice and do right by a friendless man, then it will be demonstrated that the spirit of civilization has departed from us. . . . This man wrote me: 'Mr. Lamar, I am in trouble and I have no friends and no money. Won't you come and see that they don't do me any wrong?' When this humble man sent me that message I was afraid not to come, lest when I appear at the great judgment seat, to which you and I and all the rest of are hastening, and from whose righteous decisions there are no appeals, gentlemen of the jury, I would be afraid that I would have to hear the retreating footsteps of this friendless man and be condemned by the God of all earth."

While pastor at Oxford, Dr. Gambrell attended his first session of the Southern Baptist Convention which was held at Charleston, S. C., in 1874. Dr. Gambrell wore a high hat to the Convention at the insistent request of Rev. Martin Ball of Mississippi whose marriage ceremony was performed by the young pastor on that trip, at Greenville, S. C. In his report of the Convention, Dr. Gambrell wrote: "I had the hat in a band-box in a seat just in front of me. A lady slid into the seat, sat down on the hat and smashed it flat. She relieved me of a great embarrassment, for I had a good excuse not to wear the hat any more. That was his first and last high hat.

One time, in his early ministry, he decided, because of the meagerness of his salary, to go into some side-line to supplement his salary. His wife was taken sick and was near the borderland. For two days and nights he struggled day and night, but finally won the victory. Let him tell the story of that struggle: "My time was divided between her bedside and a grove not far off. There in the grove I fought out a decisive battle and won the victory through grace. I covenanted that if my beloved could live, nothing on earth would ever cause me to make God's work a secondary consideration. He could count on me to the last limit. I got the answer and I knew then and there that she in whom my soul delighted would live. The heavens opened and great light and peace came. She was brought to the very gates of eternity, and as she looked beyond she broke forth, the only time of her life, into rapturous praise. In a week she was able to walk about the house and speedily recovered. For these more than forty years I have never had any difficulty to know where my place is. That battle for singleness of devotion to my calling was fought out there in that grove and settled, and it has never been unsettled with me."

In 1877, The Baptist Record was started. Professor M. T. Martin was proprietor. Baptist papers in Mississippi, as in other states, had a rather checkered history. For instance, there was the

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# Housetop and Inner Chamber

The treasurer of the Louisville Church is a lady, and it is said at her own request she is under legal bond and her books are audited every year. It would help the cause mightily if church treasurers would make monthly reports to the churches they serve.

If the politicians of the South persist in compelling the consciences of men they will destroy the Democratic party. Democrats of the South will not follow Tammany Hall of New York since the Pope has openly become a political sovereign. Now, see if they do. —Baptist Standard.

What puzzles an editor, at least one of the things, is how all these extra church and inter-church organizations, that are telling the rest of the world what to do, are financed. The literature that an editor of a religious paper receives from these folks, nearly all of which goes immediately into the waste basket, would support several good missionaries, or pastors.

In 1923 at the Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm it was said that there were 20,000 Baptists in Roumania and that they were having a hard time. Today there are said to be 37,000 Baptists in Roumania. What Baptists everywhere need is the stimulus of persecution. If we were more faithful to the Master we would have the persecution. They that live godly shall suffer persecution.

Marshal Foch passed away March 20, just before sunset. He was in his seventy-eighth year, and known throughout all the world and for all time to come as the man who led the greatest army to victory ever assembled on earth up to date. He is described as a small frail man, a devout Christian, and a life long student of military tactics. He was given the opportunity in a great world crises and was equal to it.

The Starnes Evangelistic Party has just closed a very successful meeting with Rev. G. A. Cooper of Ryamondville, Texas. There were about 100 people who came taking a definite stand for the Lord. Each member of the Starnes Party is an expert and each one knows the Lord. Brother Starnes knows the Lord and he preaches the Gospel that reaches the hardest. He is one of God's noblemen of today. To know him is to love him. He is the pastor's friend.

Dr. W. M. Bostick has just concluded a great meeting in his Church at Clarksdale, aided by Roger Hickman, assistant to the pastor who led the singing, the pastor himself preaching. Great congregations attended from first to last, and 80 were added to the church, making 175 since brother Bostick began here in October. The work is prosperous in every department, and it is not surprising that they are making plans for larger Sunday School accommodations. All departments are alive and the pastor and church are grateful for the manifold grace of God.

Rev. S. M. Fant, of Chester, writes that the Church at Clear Springs, Choctaw County, ordained on the fourth Sunday in February brethren J. J. Putman and C. C. Alexander as deacons. Brother Fant and Pastor J. L. Smith and the deacons constituted the presbytery. Brother Smith preached a very able sermon and gave the charge to the deacons and church. On the fourth Sunday in March Prof. Melvin Miller, a graduate of Mississippi College and principal of the Burnside School will be ordained. Brother Fant says the church is greatly strengthened by these men; and that while Clear Springs is a little country church, it is their purpose to have a part in building up the kingdom and the spread of the gospel.

Pastor J. D. Franks of First Church, Columbus, will have Dr. M. E. Dodd with him in an evangelistic campaign April 14-28.

From Monday, April 29 to Saturday, June 1, except May 10 to 17, I will give my time to holding conferences on Daily Vacation Bible School work. Any church desiring such a conference, at which this phase of the work will be gone into thoroughly, will please write me in care of the Baptist Building, Jackson, Miss. —E. C. Williams.

It is interesting to note the fears of some brethren lest editors of denominationally owned papers should not be courageous enough to be independent. The same fear might be felt for pastors preaching in houses owned by the churches. Any pastor who would not for conscience sake go into the pulpit at any time and preach a sermon that might cost him his pastorate is not fit to be a spokesman for him who died on the cross and any editor who would not write an editorial that might cost him his position is not fit to be editor of a religious paper.—Baptist Standard.

If the brethren, and some of the sisters, would get as much wrought up over saving a lost world and promoting our missionary program, as they become wrought up over the blunders of our boards or their employes we would not need to say a word about debts, but all our work would prosper. The Lord hasten the day. If the disciples had spent their time passing resolutions about Judas Iscariot there would never have been any pentecost. Jesus, not Judas, filled their horizon, stirred their souls to action and led them to victory. Isn't it time to get our heads set right on our shoulders, so that we can look straight ahead and not behind us?

The South McComb Baptist Church was organized on January 18th, 1903 at the home of J. J. Haley with three ministers present; S. W. Sibley, J. P. Harrington and Brother Givins. Eighteen put their letters in and B. M. Hunt was elected Clerk. C. R. Cook and D. Z. Smith were elected Deacons. S. M. Wilson was elected Superintendent of Sunday School and Miss Fannie Terrel Organist. Brother Hemby was called as Pastor for that year and in 1904 we called Bro. J. H. Lane. He served one year and then D. W. McLeod was called. He served two years and then Bro. Lane was called back and he served 15 years. In all, Brother Lane served 16 years. In 1921 we called R. R. Jones and in 1923 with the leadership of Brother Jones we built the Stucco building that we now have, costing \$25,000.00. The building has 17 rooms and will take care of 1,000 pupils.

Our prayer meeting has grown from a very small number to over 100. The Lord has Blessed us and we are very thankful for all His benefits to us.

We have also built a pastor's Home costing approximately \$4,000.00. —S. M. Wilson.

The revival services conducted in the First Baptist Church in Starkville by Dr. W. H. Knight of Fort Worth, Texas, and Rev. Joe Canzoneri of Jackson, proved to be one of the most successful ever held in the history of the church. Pastor Ray was very happy at the splendid spiritual response. The first week of the revival Dr. Knight spoke each evening in the Y. M. C. A. Chapel of the College. The students came in increasing numbers until many were compelled to stand in order to hear him.

The day services were all held in the Baptist Church in town and the night services the second week were held there. The services were very largely attended with growing interest throughout the meeting. Dr. Knight preached the old gospel with great power. Bro. Canzoneri greatly

endeared himself to all the people. There were some 45 additions to the church.

Goodyear is the name of the Baptist Church in the saw-mill section of Picayune, and Brother Wade Smith and the writer were there in a meeting a few weeks since. As there are very few requests for meetings during the winter months the Board has not employed any regular singers this year; so as Brother Smith had no singer and I had no meeting I went down to lead the singing and help in the personal work. To me it was a very pleasant experience. Brother Smith is an earnest Gospel preacher and it was a pleasure to be associated with my co-laborer in Evangelism.

Brother Entrioken of Picayune is the pastor at Goodyear, and although blind he was well posted as to the personnel and the needs of his field and was ready in every way to assist in advancing the work. He did much visiting and much personal work.

Many of the people were ready to sing and it was a joy to lead them in this phase of the worship. The Lord was on the giving hand and many blessings were showered upon the people. Sixty-two persons were added to the church, thirty-one by letter and thirty-one for baptism. Among the number of those who came for baptism were several men from middle life on.

Money was raised during the meeting to put curtains in the church for better Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, and some money was raised to help pay a debt on the building. May the Lord continue his blessings upon the pastor and people. Pastor Davis co-operated in the meeting in a fine way and the writer is especially indebted to him and his good wife for their hospitable entertainment while in the meeting.—Bryan Simmons.

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marked to Hunt as they walked on.

In a few months the hand that wrote "A thing of beauty is a joy forever" was stilled. John Keats had died in Italy where he had gone in an effort to regain his health.

All these men are gone long ago, their fame increasing after them. Thus the fame of these pine trees is increased by a reflected light. One of the old trees was blown down in a recent gale. Sir Hall Caine wrote a notice to the papers concerning it.

Hall Caine himself is a famous contemporary writer. He is more than a good novelist; he is a prophet. At least, his appearance justifies this further mention. I saw a picture of him last year taken on his seventieth birthday. A black-robed old man with flowing white beard and white hair walked beneath the trees in a wooded part of his estate, a veritable old Druid. He has just published a valuable book for students of literature in his "Recollections of Rossetti". As he was closely associated with this pre-Raphaelite painter and poet, he throws some light on the tragedy of Rossetti's wife's death and his subsequent morbid tendencies. But I get further involved in literary personages.

As if this were not enough for one spot, Spaniards Inn and the old toll-gate house are just around the garden wall. This old tavern is famous as a coaching inn. Dickens, Thackeray, famous actors, and many others are associated with its history. It is the inn chosen by Dickens for Mrs. Bardell's tea party. It was from this tea party that she was whisked away from her friends by the law and taken to Fleet prison.

At the present time it is also a museum for the relics of Dick Turpin, the cross-eyed highwayman. Even now there is a little garden at the side of the inn by the road where people stop to eat and drink as they sit at the tables under the trees. The inn keeper used to demand toll by permission of the Bishop of London who owned Ken Wood.

They say there is an underground passage from the gate house to Ken Wood, which is just over the fence from it.

But that is another story.



## Editorials

### MATTERS EDUCATIONAL

Some fifteen years ago the Mississippi Baptist Convention appointed an Education Commission of nine men to foster the Educational Spirit in Mississippi, to promote educational campaigns and to assist in coordinating the work of the colleges. This is not the language of the resolution but expressive of the general purpose. This commission has done much good work and considerable progress has been made in providing endowment and equipment; not all due to the work of the Commission, but under its sympathetic supervision.

For a large part of this time the Commission has been without an Executive Secretary, but good work was done in the short period of service by Dr. R. B. Gunter and by Dr. D. M. Nelson. Two or three years ago Dr. Nelson returned to the Department of Physics in Mississippi College and it was not possible for the Commission to function adequately without some one giving his full time to the work. Last fall Dr. R. B. Gunter was asked to become acting secretary and he did so without salary, giving such time and thought to it as other duties allowed.

During this period of years there have been added to the endowment of Mississippi College \$375,000; \$300,000 have been raised for the endowment of Woman's College at Hattiesburg; the same for Blue Mountain College; and the buildings of all four colleges have grown in number and improved in equipment exceedingly. The three Senior Colleges have been standardized and admitted to membership in the Southern Association.

But it is hardly surprising that with all this growth there has been accumulated considerable indebtedness. The debts on the Education Commission include a bonded indebtedness of \$355,000, about equally distributed in behalf of the three senior colleges, Mississippi College, Blue Mountain and the Woman's College. Besides this there is an indebtedness at the bank of \$85,000, caused largely by the necessity of providing \$10,000 a year on the running expense of Blue Mountain, the same on the Woman's College and \$5,000 on Clarke College.

Beside the debt on the Education Commission above indicated, each of the colleges has an indebtedness incurred for buildings, amounting in the aggregate to \$350,000. Some of this is not carried in the name of the college but of subsidiary organizations.

These things are said that all our people may get all of the facts clearly before them. The people are entitled to know all the facts, for the Baptists of Mississippi are the owners of these properties. And we will never get anywhere till the people know the facts. We must know where we are as well as where we are going, or we will not know the way out.

With these facts before them the question of how to deal with the educational situation was interesting at the meeting of the State Convention last November, not to say acute. No question aroused so much interest or caused so much concern at Meridian last year as the educational situation. It is easy to cause confusion here, but there is a right way to deal with the matter. We must find out what it is; and we must work it out together.

There was diversity of views at Meridian and the wind changed once or twice. At first the Convention voted its opinion that the time was not ripe for a special campaign to endow our colleges. Then it changed its mind at least to the extent that it left the question of endowment campaign for the present year in the hands of the Education Commission and the Executive Committee and Secretary of the State Convention

Board. The recommendation adopted is as follows (Minutes p. 45):

"Moreover, in order to provide as soon as possible for the safety of our educational work and the interest of all our other departments of service, we recommend that this Convention authorize the Education Commission, in conference with the Secretary of the Convention Board and the Executive Committee of Convention Board, to work out with the utmost care, plans for an endowment campaign to be projected at the earliest time which may be thought favorable,—the time and the aim, as well as the methods and the details of the campaign to be left to the discretion of the Commission and the Secretary of the Convention Board and Executive Committee of Convention Board."

After long consideration of the matter by some of the brethren involved a meeting of these two above mentioned representative bodies was called last week in the Board offices in Jackson. There were present the six members of the Executive Committee as follows: M. P. L. Love, J. A. Taylor, A. F. Crittendon, T. W. Young, W. E. Lee, and J. D. Ray. Representing the Education Commission were W. M. Whittington, J. W. Lee, A. H. Longino, Edgar Holcomb and J. L. McMillin. J. W. Provine represented Mississippi College; H. T. McLaurin representing Clarke College; L. T. Lowrey Blue Mountain College and T. E. Ross and R. F. Bass Mississippi Woman's College. R. B. Gunter represented both the Board and the Commission.

At this meeting all facts were brought out and the question of future plans for relief and support of our colleges was thoroughly discussed for several hours. As usual after thorough consideration the brethren were practically of one mind as to some things. It did not appear that the budget can adequately endow and equip our colleges. It does not seem desirable to increase the burden on our budget to provide for educational needs. The only way apparently open to the Baptists of Mississippi is to project a special campaign for the adequate endowment of our colleges. Probably the most pressing and immediate demand is for additional endowment for Blue Mountain and the Woman's College, \$200,000 each, to relieve the denomination of the necessity of paying \$20,000 a year on their running expenses, and to supplement the support of Clarke College. But this is just a good beginning.

The only thing actually passed upon by the joint committee was to declare for the launching of a campaign for \$1,500,000 for our colleges; and a publicity committee of three was appointed to keep this matter before the Baptists of Mississippi. These three brethren are R. B. Gunter, M. P. L. Love and Edgar Holcomb.

Plans are yet in the making. It will take from now till the Convention meets in November to work out the plans properly and bring them before the Convention for such modification as may seem best. Let the brethren get these things definitely in their minds. Let everybody "get a good ready", and when the time comes for starting the campaign let there be no slackening till the work is done. If it takes two years or more to do it, then let us brace ourselves for the task. "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking away unto Jesus, the prince and perfecter of faith."

Louis Entzminger has been employed by the Birmingham Association to round up the 10,000 stray Baptists in that city where there are 36,000 members of Baptist churches.

Rev. L. B. Cobb of Lyon will be assisted by Dr. W. P. Reeves of Jackson, Tenn., in a series of services beginning April 17. Pastor Cobb will have charge of the music. He had charge of the music there in the revival in 1927, and accepted the church as pastor six months ago, during which time he has received nearly 20 new members into the church. Bro. Cobb is an alumnus of Union University.

### TREND OF MISSIONS

Mission work has followed always the trade routes. Commerce is the forerunner of the gospel. The avenues and agencies of the merchant have been the preparation for the coming of missionaries. Jesus followed the highways of trade and worked the cities along by the side of the commercial traveler. The first great missionaries of the gospel found the travel courses of trade their avenues of access for the message of the kingdom of God. The Roman roads were the arteries of the word of God no less than of the merchant caravan. The high seas had been cleared of pirates to make way for legitimate commerce, and immediately Paul set sail for the lands which waited for the gospel.

Modern missions have had the same experience. Travel and trade in the Orient opened the way for Carey in India, for Judson in Burmah and for Morrison in China. We are having just now the peaceful penetration of the South American countries by great commercial houses and great steamship lines. A new day is opening for business in all the South American countries. It is God's purpose to give these people the gospel; and this is his method of opening up the way for it. Already we are feeling the thrill of a new movement of continental proportions.

Mr. Hoover sensed the opportunity of large development in this area, and the first thing he did after being elected President was to make a visit to South America to cultivate friendly relations. And then he began immediately to open up an air mail line between North and South America.

Baptists already have a great advantage here, for our missionaries in Brazil are baptizing more people every year than in any other country in the world. We are already planted in Argentina and in Chile. We have schools for training workers and a great publishing house. Above all the people have a receptive mind for the gospel, and our missionaries love the Lord and love lost souls. They are living and working sacrificially and the Lord is honoring their testimony. We have a rich opportunity here for investment in mission work. The Lord is calling and the way is open.

Will we do as we sing, Where he leads me I will follow? There is a good message on page 16 about the work in South America. Be sure to read it.

The offerings from the Sunday Schools on March 31st will go to Home and Foreign Missions unless request is made that they be credited to the Cooperative Program.

Pastor C. A. DeVane will have Dr. Len G. Broughton with him in a Bible Conference at Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, La., April 1-4. Many preachers will be in attendance.

W. M. Gill was baptized by D. W. Moulder at Beulah Church, Smith County, in 1910, ordained in 1923. He is preaching at Chicot, Ark., and four churches in Louisiana, living at Lake Village, Ark. He has baptized fourteen in the past year and received 18 otherwise. He did not fail to meet any appointment in the past year.

Will you please announce that the Committee on Order of Business for the Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Memphis on Thursday, April 11th? We have written to all the Convention Boards, Commissions and Committees to make request for the time they think will be necessary to present their reports. We have heard of some petitions and memorials which have been prepared for presentation to the Convention. We would like to request these brethren who have such petitions or memorials to let us know about it and to indicate how much time they think will be necessary for the consideration of such memorials in order that our Committee can make the best possible provision for everything that will come before the Convention.—M. E. Dodd, Chairman.



Dr. T. J. Barksdale held his own meeting, Calvary Church, Louisville, Ky., at the request of the church. The members were greatly revived and sinners saved.

A coast guard ship sank a British rum-runner last week in the Gulf of Mexico south of New Orleans. It is said that for five years this boat has carried on a contraband business, first on the New England coast and later in the Gulf of Mexico. The pitcher went once too many times to the fountain.

Dr. Gambrell used to tell a story about a man who burned down his barn to get rid of the rats; and another about a man who destroyed a large part of his crop trying to kill a lizzard in his field. Maybe some folks are in danger of doing a thing like this when they would destroy a board to correct some mistake that has been made.

The Western Baptist Publishing Co., of Kansas City, is publishing a new book by Dr. Walt. N. Johnson, of North Carolina, with the title, "Which—Dominate or Permeate?" It is described as a "frank, brief discussion of our present Baptist world situation, daring to blaze a trail out of the wilderness". Dr. Johnson is the greatest apostle of stewardship of our day with a message and a passion unsurpassed. His book will be widely read and should be read by all who are concerned about our denominational needs and the spread of the gospel.

Many folks are trying to explain all religious experiences by the laws of psychology. You had as well try to measure the greatness of God by a yardstick. No religious experience violates the true principles of psychology, but many far transcend them. When Nicodemus wanted Jesus to explain the how of religious experience, saying "How can these things be?" Jesus said, "The wind bloweth where it wills; thou hearest the sound thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit". Yes there are still things which the eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor have they entered into the heart of man. But God hath revealed them by his Spirit.

Every now and then we hear some preacher objecting to one's praying to Jesus, or to the Holy Spirit. Such careless and hurtful speech is next door to Unitarianism. Recently we heard a Baptist preacher protesting against praying to Jesus, and saying with great emphasis, "Pray to God". That is exactly what we have heard Jews say. But every true Christian knows that Jesus is God and the Holy Spirit is God. Jesus said that he himself answers prayer (John 14:14), "If ye shall ask anything in my name, that will I do". If we are not to pray to Jesus or to the Holy Spirit, then we must cut out of our hymn books such songs as "Jesus lover of my soul", "Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove", and many others of the very best.

Dr. George Boardman Eager passed away the night of March 21st, in his eighty-fourth year. He was born in Jefferson County, Mississippi, reared at Clinton, graduated from Mississippi College, the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Eager. He was one of a large family who were godly in life and fruitful in service, being one of five sons, having four sisters. He began his ministry in Mississippi and Louisiana. Married Miss Courpender, who was a true helpmeet and survives him. His last psatorate was at Montgomery, Ala., from which place he went to have charge of the Department of Practical Theology in the Louisville Seminary. Here he served for nearly a quarter of a century. He was one of the finest Christian gentlemen we have ever known, with all that that name will carry. He is survived by his widow, several children, two brothers and two sisters: Dr. J. H. Eager, Prof. P. H. Eager, Mrs. I. P. Trotter and Mrs. Joyner. He went to sleep in Orlando, Fla., and waked up in the Father's house.

## Convention Board Department

R. B. Gunter, Corresponding Secretary

### A Letter to The Board Members

Dear Brother Board Member:

A most urgent appeal I am making.

One of the essentials of success is self-discovery. The Prodigal Son's first station on the road back home was reached when "he came to himself."

The second essential is a discovery of our needs. The Church at Laodicea said: "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing"; but Christ said they needed eye-salve. so they could see), zeal and repentance. The Prodigal was perishing with hunger and no man gave unto him.

The third essential to success is the discovery of the source of supplies for our needs. The Prodigal said: "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare."

The fourth essential is the discovery of the methods by which these supplies for our needs may become available. The Prodigal said: "I will arise and go to my father, an dwell say unto him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants'."

The fifth essential to success is to put into action the methods discovered. "And he arose, and came to his father."

With these general principles before us, I am making my appeal. In the first place, the State Board is the trusted agency of the State Baptist Convention. As such, the Board has planned the work for the year. The work calls for \$73,000.00. For the 18% allotted to State Mission work to yield this sum, the budget receipts must amount to \$405,555.00. The receipts for the first two months and nineteen days of the years are \$42,441.53. They should be \$87,870.00.

In the second place, we need an average of \$6,083.00 a month. We have received an average of \$2,864.76 per month since January first.

In the third place, there is in the possession of the Lord's people sufficient means for all of the Kingdom work. These means belong to the Lord.

In the fourth place, there is a method by which these means may become available, Jehovah said to Christ: "Thy people shall be willing (free-will offerings, volunteers) in the day of Thy power."

What is needed is channels through which His power may be transmitted to the people who are holding God's means: hence this letter to you.

Well you, as a Board member, call together a group of pastors and laymen in your Association and plan to have some brother, or brethren, to visit every church during the month of April and to make an urgent appeal for at least one-third of the year's quota by the 30th of April? This amount can be ascertained by adding ten per cent and then dividing by three. Statements showing 1928 receipts for last year have been sent to Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Church Clerks and W. M. U. Presidents.

We must work fast to meet the crisis. We can win. We should. May I count on you for the work called for above?

Your earliest answer will be deeply appreciated if you accept the task. If for any reason you cannot do the work, please reply immediately.

Faithfully Yours,

—R. B. Gunter.

Corresponding Secretary.

Enrollment cards and identification certificates for the Southern Baptist Convention may be had from the State Board office for those who desire them. One railroad identification certificate will answer for the entire family. Those using clergy

permits, however, will not need the identification certificate as the clergy rates are a little cheaper.

Very encouraging words are coming from State Board members in different parts of the State telling of the organizations for the purpose of raising the \$120,000.00 by the 30th of April. Let every member everywhere become a booster for the raising of this sum. We can easily do it by prayer and hard work.

### THE BASSETT-MILLER MEETINGS, GULFPORT

By W. A. McComb, Pastor

Charles O. Miller, of Charlotte, N. C., reached Gulfport Friday, March 1st, and met the singers for rehearsal that night. A number of cottage prayer meetings had been held preparatory to the meetings.

On Sunday, March 3rd, large congregations gave promise of a general interest. Monday night, Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor Cliff Temple, Dallas, Texas, preached his first sermon in the evangelistic campaign. He caught his congregation in this first sermon and held them in his mighty grip for twelve days.

It has never been the writer's privilege to hear a greater series of expository sermons. They were marvelous. The congregations came in great numbers both day and night and hung with a deathlike stillness as the sacred eloquence rolled from the preacher's lips. It was a strong demonstration of the fact that the gospel has not lost its power. He preached the gospel pure and simple without ostentation or show, and the people drank it in and hungered and thirsted for more. He closed his campaign Friday night, March 15th. Bro. Miller remained through Sunday, March 17th.

Mr. Miller is a past master as a song leader. The large chorus choir and larger "Pep Choir" he led in a masterful way to the delight of the large congregations. He is modest, unassuming and cultured. He also captured our people.

There were about 50 new members added to the church during the fifteen days meeting, 34 of these by baptism. The church enjoyed the most general revival she has experienced in the five years of the present pastorate. There had been much sickness and general depression and this revival was just what the church and community needed to build their morale and give a new consecration and new grip upon God.

We can say with renewed interest, "Bless the Lord O! my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name".

Brother C. S. Wales accepts the call to Middleton, Tenn., but will continue his residence at Blue Mountain.

It is said that in various ways about \$700,000 has been paid into the Home Board treasury to cover the \$900,000 shortage of Carnes.

T. C. Williams, Jr., of Richmond, Va., left in his will \$200,000 to the University of Richmond, \$125,000 to the First Baptist Church and \$10,000 to the Baptist Home for Aged Women.

A combination training school and revival meeting was held at Olla, La., last week, Dr. L. B. Campbell of the Baptist Bible Institute teaching and preaching. There were great crowds and great good was accomplished. The church was so pleased with Dr. Campbell's work that he was invited to return for an evangelistic meeting next fall.



## THE HOLY SPIRIT

G. W. Riley, Clinton

(Continued from last week)

8. The Holy Spirit is represented as having a distinct personality from God the Father and God the Son, yet they are one and the same.

(1) He is represented as coming from the Father and the Son. John 15:26, "Whom I will send unto you from the Father." John 14:16, 26, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things." Acts 5:32, "We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." One who comes from another is distinct from yet connected with the sender.

(2) He is called the Spirit of God and of Christ. I. Cor. 2:12, "Now we have received, not the Spirit of the world but the Spirit of God." Gal. 4:6, "And because ye are Sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father."

(3) His personality is distinguished from the Father and the Son. (1) In the baptism of Christ, Matt. 3:16, "He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

He made Jesus known to John, John 1:33, "And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining upon him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."

(4) He was given a distinct personality in the baptismal and benediction formulas. Matt. 28:19, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." II. Cor. 13:14, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all."

(5) He is also given distinct personality in the announcement of the holy Trinity. I. John 5:7, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Son), and the Holy Ghost; and those three are one."

9. The Scriptures assert the personal advent of the Holy Spirit. John 7:37-39, "For the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

(1) The promise of his coming. Isa. 44:3, "I will pour out my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring." Joel 2:28-29, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your Sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." See Acts 2:17-21. Luke 24:49, "And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." John 14:16, 18, 26, "And I pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come unto you." "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." John 16:7, 8, 13, "For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you." Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost."

(2) The fulfillment of that promise. Acts. 2: 1-4, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing wind, and it filled all the

house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

What was the immediate result of his coming? Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 4:4, "Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand." We find from the study of the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit has all the personal attributes, namely: the same personal pronouns; the gift of personal speech; the power of performing personal acts; a personal advent into the world, which establishes the fact of his personality. Hence the Holy Spirit is a real person, as the Father and the Son are persons.

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**Religious Luminary.** In 1846 the Mississippi Baptist was started. It was suspended in 1849 and resumed in 1857. From 1870 to 1876 there was not a Baptist state paper in Mississippi. The Baptist Record was projected in February, 1877. Pastor J. B. Gambrell who had been writing for the Tennessee Baptist was asked to become editor of the Record. For fifteen years he was editor of that paper. In 1881 he was both editor and manager of the Record and moved to Clinton, where Mississippi College was located. He was elected pastor of the Clinton Church for life.

At that time, Dr. M. P. Lowrey was president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Capt. W. T. Ratliff, father of Mrs. J. C. Ballard of Oklahoma City, Mr. W. D. Ratliff of Jackson, Miss., and of Mrs. B. D. Gray of Atlanta, was president of the board of trustees of Mississippi College and was also secretary of the convention. Dr. T. J. Walne, father of E. N. Walne, who later went to Japan, was corresponding secretary of State Missions.

So far as we know no complete file of the Record is in existence. When the paper was moved to Jackson in January, 1886, a fire destroyed the records and files of the paper. In the library of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, are scattered numbers of the Record, which we have examined. The editorials written in those days by Editor Gambrell revealed the clarity and power of his thinking. Here are some of the paragraphs written in those days:

"A sister writes us that she hands her Records around among her pedit-Baptist friends, and they all acknowledge that it is a good paper, but complain of our high-churchism. . . . The church established by the Son of God is higher, a great deal higher, than any established by mere man. The church of Christ is higher than that established by mere man by just as much as Christ is higher than Calvin. The Baptist church is a high church, high in its origin, in its mission, in its character, in its destiny. But it is nevertheless a high church for lowly people."

A question was asked by some reader concerning a certain brother, a member of a Baptist church, who resented the exclusion of a member for dancing, favored private balls for his own children, and wanted the church to grant him a demit or discharge. Here is Editor Gambrell's answer: "If this brother is not in fellowship with the church, he ought to be let out of course, but we do not advocate making private passways for people to leave the church who want to get out and to do that for which they know the church would exclude them. Let it all be done in a Christian spirit, and let the church show on the record for just what the brother was excluded, and above all, let every effort be made to reclaim the brother from his way."

Here are some wise words to young writers: "Have some thing to write about. Avoid big words. Tell what you have in mind, and never mind the flowers. Some years ago a letter, evi-

dently written by a young lady to her lover was picked up and finally fell into the hands of one of the first literary men of America. He was so charmed with it as a literary product that he had it printed. Finally the writer of the letter was found. She was a German servantgirl. She explained the simplicity of the letter: 'I wanted to write a letter to John and tell him what I felt, and because I knew but little English, I took the little words I knew the meaning of, and fearing I might make a blunder, I quit as soon as possible.'

The editor was on the field much of the time. He tells of a visit which the family made back to Oxford, the first year of the paper: "We reached the place in company with our other half and an assorted lot of little Gambrells." Six years later, President Webb of Mississippi College, making a plea for the Baptist Record, told the readers something of what it was costing the editor and his family: "Very few of its readers know how much the Record is costing Brother Gambrell. Brother Gambrell has three boys that ought to be in school every day, but they have not been there for more than two years. They are in the Record office setting type. Without their labor, Brother Gambrell could not support his family and publish the Record with the present number of subscribers. Sister Gambrell edits the fourth page of the paper. She has not only had the care of a large family, but has been compelled to do a large amount of office work—mere drudgery. She has put her strength and health and life into the paper."

Four years later, still darker days were to come to the heroic editor and his family who shared his burdens with him.

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## THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD—A MAJOR CONVENTION ACHIEVEMENT

By Thomas J. Watts, D.D., Executive Secretary

A host of Southern Baptists hold the Relief and Annuity Board in very high esteem. They are grateful for the service that it has rendered and are persuaded of its useful and successful future. Doubtless all others will think the same way when they are fully informed in the premises. It is for this possibly large group that this article is being written.

"Every tree is known by his own fruit." Therefore, consider the Relief and Annuity Board in the light of its great service:

### A Service to the Ministry

The Relief and Annuity Board has focalized the thought of Southern Baptists upon the denomination's obligation to its Ministry. It has convinced the denomination, or certainly a great part thereof, that it owes an unpaid debt to its Ministry. It has established in the minds of our people the fact that Ministerial Relief is not a matter of sweet charity, but one of deferred compensation. This our people have accepted in principle, even though their contributions to the work of Ministerial Relief have never been what they should have been. To many Southern Baptists the claim of the disabled minister, retired minister or missionary is a prior claim, a supreme claim!

As a kindred matter to the foregoing, who would question the statement, which we believe is a fact, that the agitation and propaganda carried on by this Board in behalf of our Ministry has had very much to do with the increased salaries of our ministers? That increase has been very marked during the decade and more of the life of the Relief and Annuity Board.

### Direct Monetary Aid

Meager as it appears to have been to the writer, who is in a position to know of the poignant needs of hundreds and hundreds of ministers and widows who are being aided, and of the hundreds of others who should be aided, the sum of One Million One Hundred Sixty-five Thousand Dollars, (\$1,165,000.00) paid to the beneficiaries of the Relief Department during the past eleven years constitutes an achievement of worthwhile propor-



tions. This relief would not have reached these ministers and widows had not the denomination established this general agency through which it has been provided. In addition to the sum paid in relief grants, the Board has sent to the beneficiaries of the Annuity Fund more than One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$130,000.00), during this same period.

The magnitude of the work of the Relief and Annuity Board cannot be visualized by what has been done through the Relief Fund alone, nor by what has been done through the Annuity Fund, unless and until the reader is properly apprised of certain facts about this latter Fund.

The Annuity Fund by paying its male beneficiaries \$500.00 per year has demonstrated the superiority of the Annuity plan over the Relief plan, which latter only pays an average to its male beneficiaries of approximately \$180.00 per year. To the widows, the Board has paid approximately \$120.00 per year through the Relief Fund, whereas through the Annuity Fund the widows of former members have received and do now receive \$300.00 per year. And let the reader remember that the Annuity Fund will before many years elapse be paying far more in the aggregate than perhaps will be available at that time through the Relief Fund. These annuity payments promise within five years to equal or even surpass the sum paid through the Relief Fund this year, and mind you the amounts thus to be paid to the Annuity beneficiaries will continue to be two and one-half times as great as is now possible through the Relief Fund.

#### Growing Resources to Meet Future Demands

The grain of mustard seed is fast becoming a tree. Speaking in round numbers, the Relief and Annuity Board has received from all sources during the past eleven years four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$4,500,000.00). Of this sum there is now in the Board's care approximately Three Million Dollars, (\$3,000,000.00). It may be interesting to the reader to know the sources from which this money was derived. More than One Million Dollars, (\$1,000,000.00) of it is money received as interest earnings and dividends on investments. The Board has been fortunate in its investments and the income from that source has been highly encouraging. Another half million or more came from the premiums paid by the ministers of the Southern Baptist Convention who hold membership in the Annuity Fund. Four Hundred Thousand, (\$400,000.00) Dollars of the whole sum was given by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and from the Baptist Sunday School Board we received the initial gift when the Board was created of One Hundred Thousand, (\$100,000.00) Dollars. From special gifts and memorials there has been received approximately Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$200,000.00). The remainder, or about 51% of the Board's entire receipts came from the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists.

Certainly such results as these amply justify the caption of this article. Here we have a MAJOR CONVENTION ACHIEVEMENT.

Other religious bodies have Boards of Relief and Annuity that have accumulated from Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00) to Twenty-five Million Dollars, (\$25,000,000.00) of endowment and reserves, but for the brief period of the first eleven years, perhaps no others have surpassed Southern Baptists in the progress that they have made. The two strongest Relief Boards of the country, the Northern Presbyterians and the Episcopalians have been operating for from 160 to 200 years.

It is fairly safe to predict that the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will within five or six years have accumulations of Five Million Dollars, (\$5,000,000.00), and within ten years this fund should become Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). Certainly we are calculating on many special gifts of large amounts in asserting this, but the earnings on the invested fund now in hand will go very far

## Stewardship Department

By G. C. Hodge, Director of Stewardship and Budget

"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability"

(Continued from last week)

XVII. 5 churches have a membership of 1,000—1,200 members each. Of these churches, 1 gave \$3,000.00—\$3,500.00—1 gave \$4,000.00—\$4,500.00; 1 gave \$6,500.00—\$7,000.00; 1 gave \$8,000.00—\$8,500.00; 1 gave \$10,000.00—\$10,500.00.

XVIII. 2 churches have a membership of 1,200—1,500 members each. Of these churches, 1 gave \$5,000.00—\$5,500.00; 1 gave \$9,000.00—\$9,500.00.

XX. 1 Church has a membership of 2,600—2,700 members, and gave \$14,000.00—\$14,500.00.

#### Some Questions and Answers on How To Study Stewardship

QUESTION I. "Can you tell us how to go about arranging for a Stewardship Study Course in our church?"

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ANSWER. Yes. take the matter up in conference and have the church vote to begin the series of studies on a certain day just as you do when arranging for a revival meeting. Ask your pastor to teach the class. If this is the first class you have had in your church, use Dr. Cox's book on "Christian Stewardship", which is the first book in our Stewardship Course. Order these books from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. They are \$.40 each. Write me for the questions on this book. I will be glad to furnish you free of charge, as many sets of questions as you need.

QUESTION II. How can we study stewardship when our church refuses to arrange for a class in stewardship?

ANSWER. 1. Any organization of the church can, as such, arrange for a class in the study of stewardship. For instance, the Sunday School superintendent can take this matter up with his officers and teachers while in their workers council and arrange for a Stewardship Study Course and enlist all his officers and teachers in the study of one of the books in the Stewardship Course.

Stewardship is like the gospel in that all the members of all the organizations of all the churches should study it, believe it, practice it and teach it. All the officers and teachers, therefore, of all the organizations of all the churches should study at least one of the books in the Stewardship Course at least once a year.

2. Any class or circle in any church can arrange for a class in the study of stewardship. A large number of W. M. U. circles have already studied the first book in the Stewardship Course while others are now studying the second book.

3. Any group of two or more can study stewardship. There are in some churches two or three friends who want to study stewardship, but do not care to wait until the church or some organization of the church arranges for a class in stewardship. These friends can meet in their own homes and study it. One of them can act as teacher, and by using the questions I furnish with the books they can study it together. By

in this direction. The faithful support of the denomination through the Co-operative Program will, of course, be necessary if so much is to be accomplished.

In a future article the writer hopes to discuss "THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD—A MAJOR CONVENTION TASK."

NOTE: The general figures used above are for the first eleven years of the Board's activities ending April 30; therefore, the interest earnings and general receipts for March and April 1929 are estimated and included.

covering a chapter a day they can complete the first book in one week.

4. Any individual can study stewardship alone. By using the questions I furnish with the books any individual can study stewardship in his own home. Many individuals have already completed the first three books in the Stewardship Course and a goodly number are now studying the fourth book.

Anybody and everybody who wants to study stewardship can do so now by writing us for the books and questions on the books. We will grant a Stewardship Diploma to all who complete Book I, and a corresponding seal for the completion of each of the other five books in our course. We give a Gold Tither's Seal to those who promise to tithe, and a silver Seal to all those who complete the entire course of six books and promise to tithe.

If you want to study stewardship, and if I can be of any assistance to you at any time, please call upon me.

#### A Mother and Child

I received the following letter on March 19. You will be glad to read it. It speaks for itself. Dear Mr. Hodge:—

I am sending in my papers on stewardship (Answers to questions on Book I).

I am 16 years of age and am in the eighth grade at school.

My Mother received her Diploma on Stewardship last year at the age of 62. I want my diploma a little younger than that. I am enclosing \$.25 to pay for same.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR ASSOCIATIONAL MINUTES TO G. C. HODGE, JACKSON, MISS. AS SOON AS THEY ARE OFF THE PRESS. WE NEED THEM.

Mississippi Baptist Churches 100% for Missions In 1929

What is your reaction to the above statement? Do you think it is unreasonable to expect the Missionary Baptist Churches of Mississippi to be 100% for Missions during 1929? Personally, I think it is nothing but reasonable and right to expect them to be 100% for Missions. Our goal, therefore, for 1929 is just that, no more, no less. We shall work to that end confidently believing that every Missionary Baptist church in Mississippi will this year contribute at least something for Missions.

#### Thnik of This

Of all the Missionary Baptist Churches in Mississippi only 343 failed to support Missions during 1928. All the Missionary Baptist Churches in Mississippi contributed something for Missions during 1928 through our Convention Board office except 343.

If all the churches that contributed to the support of Missions during 1928 will do so again this year and these 343 Missionary Baptist Churches which did not give anything for Missions during 1928 will give something this year, Mississippi Baptist Churches will be 100% in the support of Missions. They can do it, and we believe they will do it if they are Missionary Baptist Churches.

Mr. Virgil Posey would like to secure meetings for Spring, Summer and Fall as song leader. He will give special emphasis to organizing and training choirs for permanent results as well as junior intermediate choirs from those departments of Sunday School. Those desiring his services may reach him at 116 Lemon St., Jackson, Miss., or phone 4256-J.



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## An S. O. S. Call From Greenwood

Year after year about this time the call comes through this Page for the names of those who will attend the State W. M. U. Convention, to send in their names to the Enrollment Committee. Certainly we try to be faithful in getting this bit of important information before the people.

We go up to the Convention, as we do next week, and when we talk with the Committee we learn that more than half who come have never notified any one that they would be there.

A dear preacher on one occasion said, "Why I always go: I thought the folks would know I was coming without my sending in my name!" But Beloved, we go to a different place each year. And the folks do not know you are coming unless you send in your names. They are delighted to see you and arrange for you to have a comfortable home each time; but you cannot conceive of how much trouble you put them to by neglecting to notify them of your plan.

I find on my desk this morning the following from our Publicity Leader, Mrs. Little: "Wont you URGE the ladies, in your own words, to send in their names? So far only sixty seven have reported. And our ladies are on tip toe to know how to plan, etc."

Now, I am sure every one of us will sit right down and send a card to Mrs. Zilpha Garrard, Greenwood, Mississippi, stating just what time and how we will arrive in Greenwood.

Some one says, I am not sure yet I can go; that is alright. Just say that Providence permitting, you will be there.

But whether you notify the Committee or not, please do not fail to go. Remember it is the Lord. He wants us. We want to see that we do not fail Him.

## SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR ASSOCIATIONAL RALLY

Hymn, "The Kingdom is Coming".  
 Devotional: Luke 2:36, 37. Acts 16:9-15. Acts 9:36-41.  
 Hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord".  
 Roll Call of Societies and Auxiliaries. (Two Minutes Response on Some Work.)  
 Talk: Why Observe This Stewardship Year.  
 Prayer.  
 Stewardship in Personal Service. (By P. S. Chairman.)  
 Stewardship in Mission Study. (By M. S. Chairman.)  
 Hymn, "More Like the Master".  
 Stewardship in our Auxiliaries. (Young People's Leader.)  
 Stewardship in my own Society. (By Some Local Member.)  
 Prayer.  
 Round Table Discussion: "Some Associational Need."  
 Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus With You."  
 Superintendent's Message.  
 Business.  
 Closing Hymn and Prayer.  
 Material for an all-day session, but it way arranged to suit local conditions.

## A CHRISTIAN CHINESE WEDDING IN LAICHOW HOSPITALS

By Mrs. Annie B. Gay Gaston

Our most important hospital event recently is the marriage of our head nurse at Mayfield-Tyzzar to the young lady who is head nurse at Kathleen Mallory, both very fine young people. Since the groom was a long distance from his home, we asked him to consider our home his own for the time being and bring his bride here, which he did.

In view of the approaching wedding, I had some repairs and renovating done about the house, most important of which was to repair the damage from our "mock bomb" last summer. Did I tell you about that? It was in a lull in the firing, and we were sleeping soundly when a terrific blow seemed to strike the house.... then silence. We were not having any lights in the bedrooms at that time, so waited to "see where we were at". Daylight revealed that the ceiling in the guest room adjoining ours had fallen almost "en-bloc", due to the damp weather, hence the terrific "swat", there had been no bomb at all! It was this repair and other white-washing that we got done just in time for the wedding.

The making of pretty quilts, six or eight in number, and many beautiful pillows is the bride's part of home furnishing, and these are sent the evening before the wedding to decorate the bridal chamber in the groom's home. She also makes a beautiful pink silk curtain to hang at the bedroom door. This had all been done, and I had hung the windows with pink and white curtains, and dressed the room up generally in every thing I had for the purpose. Then, about dusk, I sat down to rest, when in walked a stranger, who asked if he might spend the night. His name revealed him as none other than the United States Consul, from Chefoo, with whom we had had several "tilts" by correspondence during the past two years. I replied with as much cordiality as I could muster on such short notice, that we would be glad to have him spend the night, but explained that it would not be possible to give him the best bed room as that was prepared for a bride who was due to come in at seven o'clock the next morning. He assured me that any place would do. Fortunately, the whole upstairs was cleaned up and the Consul was invited to a north room over the laundry, perfectly good and comfortable, but devoid of "frills". The consul was entirely sober, and proved a most agreeable guest. After looking over the compounds the next morning and attending to some business, he took his leave. I am glad he came, for I'm sure he will understand us better in the future, and will give us no more trouble about staying here.

The ceremony was in the church, which Dr. Beall had decorated for the occasion. The chancel rail was banked with asparagus and twined with running ivy, now red and gold with autumn tints. There were just enough fine late roses for the bride's bouquet and plenty of little late perpetuals. The bride herself was fair as any rose, pink cheeks, white teeth, and glorious dark eyes and hair. Her wedding gown was an exquisite soft brocade silk of rosy lavender, with full length veil of palest pink and slippers lavender and pink. She is the best type of Christian

trained young womanhood, with the additional advantage of being the daughter of an old official family. So we consider ourselves very fortunate to be taking her as a "daughter-in-law". As I said before, we stand in the place of parents to the groom.

It is the groom's part to serve an elaborate feast, so we opened our downstairs rooms for that and it was duly served at high noon. The groom is a great favorite with all the servants, so all the cooks in the station lent a hand in preparing the many delectable dishes required for such an occasion. When Miss Willeford arrived to the feast she said she was certainly hungry, for she had scarcely seen her cook for the past three days, and she was sure he had spent the last night at the hospital kitchen, which indeed he had for some of the foods require all night cooking after the manner of fireless steaming.

It is Chinese old custom for the bride to sit in silence in the bedroom and all the guests, both men and women go in to stare at her and admire or criticise as they may feel inclined, but in this case the young couple stood together, and received their guests graciously. By using our upper rooms the rabble of the street urchins and other curious gazers could be kept out as we could say that only such as the groom had invited would go up. The young couple certainly appreciated this degree of seclusion, and the three days they spent here following the wedding. Now they have moved into permanent quarters near the hospital, and resumed their duties in the two institutions.

## We Are Eight!!

In last week's issue of The Baptist Record we happily reported that we had SEVEN Standard A-1 Organizations. Another came in a bit late: but we are just as happy to add it to the list as if it had come first. This one is: 2nd Avenue, Laurel; with Bro. J. W. Fagan as pastor. All officers have been reported to Headquarters, and the banner awaits this Organization along with the others at the Southern Baptist Convention W. M. U.

The largest giver to Home Missions, if not the largest giver among Southern Baptists to any one of our causes, said after hearing of the Carnes theft:

"The more I thought about it and particularly the more I prayed about it, the more I realized that this disaster was of the devil and not of the Lord; that it was a part of the great battle between the forces of darkness and the forces of light. And so I decided that a time when the devil had gained some advantage in the battle was no time for a true soldier of Jesus Christ to fail, and then I made up my mind that I must go on with the fight and do more than I had done before".

The Leake County Associational B. Y. P. U. Convention has been postponed from the fifth Sunday in March to the first Sunday in April for the purpose of having more time for plans and in order to have state workers.

On last Sunday the W. M. U. of Sylva Church as an expression of their love and esteem for their pastor, E. C. Crawford, presented him with a beautiful traveling bag.



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## East Mississippi Department

By R. L. Breland

Eld. Z. M. Dunn

On January 24, 1929, the spirit of  
Rev. Zachariah Monroe Dunn went  
out to be with its God. He died in  
the hospital at Philadelphia, Miss.,  
where he had gone for treatment.  
His home was at Burnside. Bro.  
Dunn was born in Kemper County,  
Mississippi, August 19, 1855, the  
son of Joe and Nancy (Biglow) Dunn.  
In 1874 he was married to Miss  
Mary Eugenia Triplett, who still  
lives. To this union nine children  
were given. About the year 1891  
he was converted and joined the  
Pleasant Springs Baptist Church,  
Kemper County, being baptized by  
Rev. Bob Breckenridge. In 1892 he  
was ordained to the full work of the  
gospel ministry by the same church,  
perhaps Elders J. D. Fulton and Bob  
Breckenridge forming the presby-  
tery of ordination. He served as  
pastor for many of the Baptist  
churches in east Mississippi. My  
first acquaintance with Bro. Dunn  
was when he came to Philadelphia  
Baptist Church as its pastor, where  
he served for some time. He was  
pastor at Oak Grove, Neshoba Coun-  
ty, County Line and Mt. Zion in  
Leake County, and many others. For  
his opportunities he was a good  
preacher and did much good work  
during his ministry. He was buried  
at Burnside, with services conducted  
by Elders S. J. Rhodes and W. W.  
Kyzar.

Eld. W. R. Butler

One of the pioneer preachers of  
east-central Mississippi was Rev.  
William Roberson Butler. He was  
born on Oct. 15, 1828, just where I  
am not informed. However, early in  
life he came with his parents to  
Scott County, Mississippi, where he  
spent the most of his life. While  
yet young he was converted and  
when nineteen years old he began  
to preach. For fifty-two years he  
was an active pastor in Scott, Smith  
and some other counties of the state.  
He was a good man, preacher and  
pastor. At different times he was  
moderator of the Mt. Pisgah and

Springfield Associations, and held  
other offices therein. He did a  
splendid work for the Matser. On  
June 5, 1844, he was married to Miss  
Julia E. Long; she was reared near  
the city of Jackson. Twelve children  
were born to this union, six sons  
and six daughters, one of whom is  
still living, Miss Mollie Butler, in  
the Old Ladies' Home at Jackson.  
All the other children and the father  
and mother have gone on across the  
river called death. In the last years  
of his life Bro. Butler made his home  
with his children at Pachuta, Miss.,  
where he died Oct. 1, 1903. (Note—  
While visiting the Old Ladies' Home  
last week I met Miss Mollie Butler  
mentioned above and she gave me  
from memory the above data rela-  
tive to Rev. Wm. R. Butler, one of  
the useful ministers of past days;  
if any of the readers can give more  
about him or make any corrections  
if need please write me and it will  
be appreciated.)

### Notes and Comments

The sad news reached me recently  
of the death of Rev. J. S. Laird,  
which occurred at his home near Lit-  
tle Rock, Miss., Sunday, March 17,  
1929. He was serving a number of  
churches when death came, among  
them Hazel in Newton County and  
Mt. Carmel in Neshoba County. He  
left a wife and a number of children  
with whom we sympathize.

Accompanied by Mrs. Breland and  
Misses Eula Chapman, Ouida Gilbert  
and Helen Hubert Gay, the writer  
had the pleasure of attending the  
State Baptist Sunday School and B.  
Y. P. U. Convention at Jackson last  
week. He considered it one of the  
best we have had. The addresses  
were excellent and the conference  
work was helpful. We are turning  
our eyes towards Clarksdale for next  
year already.

The Executive Board of the Yalo-  
busha County Baptist Association  
will meet with Big Springs Church,  
six miles west of Water Valley, the  
fifth Sunday in March. A good pro-  
gram is announced.

Dr. W. M. Bostick, pastor of First  
Baptist Church, Clarksdale, reports  
a total of 80 additions to that church  
during the recent revival.

### MEMPHIS COMMITTEES ARE READY TO ACCOMODATE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MESSENGERS

By Ben Cox, General Chairman

Local committees in Memphis,  
charged with preparations for the  
Southern Baptist Convention, open-  
ing here Thursday morning, May 9,  
have just held an enthusiastic meet-  
ing, and stand ready to serve the  
messengers and visitors to the ut-  
most of their ability. The various  
committees have their work well in  
hand and will see to it that every com-  
fort and convenience of the visiting  
Baptists will be provided for.

Our committee recommends that  
all persons desiring to stop at any  
of the hotels shall write the hotels  
directly for their accommodations. No  
hotel has been designated as head-  
quarters and the messengers will

be free to select whatever hostelry  
they prefer. In event any one needs  
any local assistance in any matter  
connected with the hotels he is re-  
quested to write Dr. W. J. Cox, 115  
No. Evergreen, Chairman of the  
committee on hotels. Persons de-  
siring accommodations in private  
homes should make their request to  
Archie Farr, Box 1243, chairman of  
the committee on homes.

Composing the general committee  
of arrangements are Ben Cox, Cen-  
tral Baptist Church, chairman; J.  
Norris Palmer, Speedway Terrace  
Church, secretary; A. U. Boone,  
First Church, J. R. Black, Temple  
Church, and S. P. Poag, Merton Ave.  
Church.

Chairmen of the various sub-com-  
mittees are requested to communi-  
cate directly with the chairmen of  
the committee concerned: Jack W.  
Gates, Graves-Dix, Inc., finance; Dr.  
W. J. Cox, 115 No. Evergreen, hotels;  
E. E. Strong, 66 South Third, Audi-  
torium; George T. Webb, Cotton Ex-  
change Building, other meeting  
places; D. A. Ellis, 329 No. McLean,  
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tion and homes; Andrew Shaw, Box  
1243, sub-chairman, transportation;  
Archie Farr, Box 1243, sub-chmn.,  
homes; and H. C. Pitts, 1291 Faxon,  
ushers.

Memphis is prepared to take care  
of every Baptist who wants to come,  
and we hope both those who come  
and those who remain at home will  
pray daily from now until the Con-  
vention is over that the Holy Spirit  
will be present in all our delibera-  
tions and so direct all our planning  
as that Christ shall be glorified and  
his kingdom advanced throughout the  
earth.

### QUITMAN

The Quitman people received us  
cordially indeed. We found not only  
a very hearty welcome but a home  
supplied with the necessities for  
house keeping that we might begin  
at once our home life. The pantry  
was filled with good things.

We had a great opening Sunday.  
The Methodists dismissed their ser-  
vices and came to join in a welcome  
service for us. The church had ar-  
ranged a splendid program in which  
the mayor, the circuit judge, the  
Methodist pastor and others took  
part. We are happy in our new  
field.

I am enclosing my check for the  
Record. Please begin with this is-  
sue.

—B. C. Land.

The Negroes of Atlanta have just  
subscribed more than \$50,000 to the  
endowment campaign of Morehouse  
College, located in that city, and are  
going on with the work of solici-  
tation, in the hope of swelling the total  
to \$75,000 or more. This special  
effort among Atlanta colored people  
is part of a general campaign to  
raise \$300,000 in three years for  
Morehouse endowment, to match the  
conditional offer of a like amount  
from the General Education Board  
of New York. The campaign was  
opened by a campus drive in which  
the Morehouse faculty and students  
subscribed over \$16,000.

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE HAZELHURST BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE DEPARTURE OF DR. O. O. GREEN, PASTOR

Whereas, Dr. O. O. Green, our be-  
loved pastor since November, 1924,  
saw fit some months ago to tender  
his resignation as pastor of this  
church and to urge its acceptance,  
which was done at his request, there-  
by terminating this week his of-  
ficial relations with us and he is  
now soon to depart from our city;  
and

Whereas, we desire to give ex-  
pression to our sincere appreciation  
of his faithful service, efficient lead-  
ership and most exemplary life and  
Christian character, and also to our  
love for him and his good family;

Therefore be it resolved by the  
Hazelhurst Baptist Church, in con-  
ference assembled, that we hereby  
express to him and his family our  
profoundest appreciation of his un-  
tiring efforts and most excellent  
work during the years he has served  
us, for the very high order of Gos-  
pel Messages, the magnificent and  
constructive and intelligent and  
spiritual leadership he has given us  
resulting among other things in the  
splendid growth and development of  
our church, the conversion and train-  
ing of so large a number of our  
young people, the better organiza-  
tion and enlargement of our Sunday  
School, and not the least in the erec-  
tion of our splendid house of wor-  
ship and educational building and  
the installation of complete equip-  
ment therefor.

Resolved further that it is with  
great reluctance we view his depart-  
ure from us and we assure him and  
his faithful companion of our un-  
qualified endorsement of their work  
and life among us, of our tenderest  
affection and our love, our prayers  
for their continued and increasing  
power as workers in the Lord's vin-  
yard. To those whom Dr. Green  
may hereafter minister we commend  
him as a citizen of the widest cul-  
ture, a man of unusual ability for  
constructively organizing and fur-  
ther Church work, one thoroughly in  
harmony with the policies, aims and  
purposes of our great denomination,  
as a Gospel preacher of the highest  
order.

We specially commend Mrs. Green  
for her most helpful work with W.  
M. U. and for her most efficient lead-  
ership in organizing and training  
the Junior Department of the Sun-  
day School where for several years  
she has served as superintendent.

Resolved further that a copy of  
these resolutions be spread upon the  
Minutes of this Church, a copy be  
furnished to Dr. Green, and another  
to forwarded to The Baptist Record  
for Publication.

Respectfully submitted,

—J. F. Guynes.

Fifty years ago Comber and Gren-  
fell, pioneers of the Baptist Mission-  
ary Society of England, first set foot  
on Congo soil in Central Africa. To-  
day the church members in the Con-  
go exceed 100,000, and more than  
250,000 children are enrolled in Sun-  
day schools.



## The Sunday School Department

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

March 31, 1929

The Future Life,

Luke 24:1-12; John 14:1-6

(From Points for Emphasis by H. C. Moore)

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life. Rev. 2:10.

1. The Conquering Christ through his resurrection demonstrated the future life. We have before us the evidence of the empty sepulcher, first in the word of the women and then in the doubt of the disciples. (1) The pious women who were last at the cross were first to reach the empty sepulcher. During their visit they passed through five stages of experience. The first was sorrow. With sad hearts they had turned away from the tomb on Friday afternoon. The sabbath was the most tearful they had ever known. Yet where else can they go but back again to the city of the dead, there to let their hearts bleed in unrestrained anguish. Besides, the preparation of the body for burial was hasty and incomplete. With their own hands they must make the last touches of affection for him who was gone. So they brought spices as the dawn-streaks appeared on the horizon Sunday morning. The second stage was perplexity. Perhaps some of them came to the tomb the evening before, saw the guard stationed and the tomb sealed, and then returned. What was their amazement now to find the guard gone, the seal broken, the stone rolled away, the sepulcher emptied of its dead? There could be no mistake as to the place, for they had marked it well. With holy boldness they went into the sepulcher. But he whom they sought was not there. The third stage was fright. It was a solemn and awful scene. The grave clothes were lying in place. The devoted women were crowding into the narrow vault in the dim twilight of the morning and there was the white-robed angel sitting within the sepulcher. No wonder they were affrighted. But their fright was temporary and made way for the happier feeling to follow. The fourth stage was remembrance. In reassuring tone the women were reminded that what they now witnessed was in fulfillment of the repeated prophecies of their Lord. Those solemn words called out of the past by angelic tongue, flashed like a sunbeam into their darkness. Then their faith laid aside its crepe, brushed off the tears and took hold upon a risen, living Lord. The last stage was proclamation. Such news could not be kept nor such a faith concealed. The disciples and the world must know what has become of the Crucified. So the first advocates of the resurrection were held in the highest esteem among the disciples for their ardent piety and absolute integrity. Better ministers and sweeter gospel the world had not

heard before. (2) The distressed disciples could not join the women in their faith. In fact they regarded their report as nothing but idle talk which would do no good and might do much harm. So they determined to clear the air at once and for all. So Peter and John, perhaps as a committee of investigation from the disciples, ran out of the city to the sepulcher. The younger and swifter, John arrived first at the tomb and stood without; but when Peter came up, he rushed within the vault for a closer and conclusive search. The story of the women was clearly verified; the body of Jesus was not in the tomb where loving hands had laid it, and the grave-clothes were arranged as no grave-robber would leave them. There was ground for the report of the resurrection. With John it became a matter of faith at once, but with Peter there was the hesitation of doubt and of paralyzing wonder as they returned to the city. Later every trace of doubt was displaced by absolute certainty.

2. The Comforting Christ through his revelation described the future life. He was speaking to the eleven apostles in the upper room at Jerusalem just after the institution of the Lord's Supper and just before they went out to Gethsemane. (1) The hope of heaven is based on the promise of Jesus. Amid the gloomy forebodings of that eventful night, the disciples were filled with anxiety and alarm. Jesus spoke peace and bade the waves of their distress grow calm. The antidote of fear is an absolute confidence in God the Father and God the Son. If God's hand be upon the helm of our lives, there are no rocks that can shatter, no shoals that can hinder, no storms that can submerge. On the basis of their faith, Jesus drew aside the curtain so that they could see the Father's house. Heaven is where God is; it is a place of many mansions, and so there is no lack of room. If it were not a glorious reality, our faithful Lord would have told us long ago. And he has himself gone to prepare a place for us. Moreover, he will return and receive us unto unending association with himself. He receives us unto himself at death when absence from the body means presence with the Lord; also and especially at this second coming, when the body shall be raised in incorruption, reunited with the redeemed soul, and taken up to be forever with the Lord in heaven. And our highest expectation of heaven is not merely that it is a place of happiness or freedom from temptation or rest from toil or reunion with

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not in heaven that we are to find God, but in God that we are to find heaven.



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## The Children's Circle

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey

### Bible Study: Gen 24:50-67

Abraham's servant had been led by God to go to the home of Abraham's brother's son, Bethuel, when he set out at Abraham's desire to find a wife for Isaac. He is much pleased with Rebekah, Bethuel's pretty daughter, and he tells her father and brother his story, and asks their consent, as was the custom, to his taking Rebekah home with him. They gave their consent, but said that Rebekah herself must say whether she would go with this man, almost a stranger to her. The ornaments of silver and gold, and handsome clothing that Abraham had sent for his son's bride were very pleasing to the pretty girl, but she must, I think, have felt that it was the will of God for her to become her cousin's wife, for she replies calmly and promptly, "I will go". Soon the company of the servant, whose name seems to be Eliezer (Gen. 15:2) set out, probably eight or ten men, with Rebekah and her woman servants: it is now a bridal company. We don't know how long the journey was: several days, no doubt, and on the last day, as the quiet of evening came on, they came to Abraham's tent. Isaac had gone to the side of the place to which the travelers must come first: he is a grown man, the hours of labor are past, and it may be that it is his habit to go out each day at this hour for prayer to God and religious thought. But his ear is quick to catch the sound, and his eye the sight, of camels coming, for he is looking for them, and for the one they will bring him. When Rebekah hears that this is the man who is to be her husband, she draws her long veil modestly about her, and goes to meet him. Isaac has lost his mother three years before this, and still grieves for her, so now he takes this attractive girl for his wife, and his love for her helps him to forget his sorrow for the dear mother lost by death. So this story turns out to be a real love-story, doesn't it?

### My Dear Children:

Not very many letters coming right now: what's the matter with us, my dears? I hope things will be looking up with us next week. I used to hear it said, "All that goes up must come down", and we have been up pretty high sometimes, haven't we? Next week will be the time for the boys' contest to begin, and I want lots of boys to take part in it. You couldn't guess what I am going to ask you to do, but it is good. Look out for it, Henry and Will and Tommie, John and Vernon and Willard, Jimmie and Claud, and all the rest of you. Much Love from,

—Mrs. Lipsey.

Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 26, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

The Bowmar Avenue Sunbeams are sending an offering, which we hope may help a little. Also we send here our love and best wishes. We remember her always in our prayers. Those contributing were Eva Belle Dana, C. C. Dana, Jr., Pauline Dana, Mary Ethel Dana, Marcus Ridgeway, W. J. Gersch, Inez Blades, Annie Pearl Bishop, Fitz-Hugh Cloud and Margaret E. Cloud.

Sincerely yours,  
Margaret E. Cloud, Sunbeam Ldr.  
We are so pleased to have you join our Circle, Miss Margaret. We are obliged for the gift, and even more so for the interest and prayers. Tell all the little folks howdy for me.

Union, Miss., March 1, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Well, this is the first time for me to write. I certainly am glad to

join your happy band. I am 10 years old, and in the sixth grade at school. My teacher's name is Miss Ruth Buntyn. I like her fine. I have made the honor roll every month since I have been going to school, but once, and that was in the third grade. I had several teachers and skipped the second grade. I go to S. S. and church every Sunday. I belong to the 9 and 10 year old junior boys. My teacher's name is Mrs. Heffner. The name of our class is "Junior Scouts". We have 12 enrolled. We have 11 nearly every Sunday. I am a member of the Junior Scouts of Union. Our Scout Masters' names are Rev. R. F. Cobbin, and Mr. Bill Heffner, and Troop Leader is Mack Shelton. Hope your bands keep growing. I am,

—Prince Longino.

P. S.—Enclosed you will find 10c for the orphans. Hope to send more next time.

That's a mighty good record in school, Prince. Keep it up. Won't you join our Bible Readers Band? I'm boosting that, now. Thank you for the contribution.

Meridian, Miss., Mar. 3, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

We are a band of Junior Girls (9 & 10 years), who wish to take a part in helping the Orphans. We go to S. S. every Sunday, and very often all the members who are present are 100%. We attend Highland Baptist Church. We have a new church and you will find \$1.00, which we hope will be a little help.

Your friends,

Dorothy Thompson, Marjory Snowden, Dorothy Gin, Sara Francis Flowers, Henrietta Shirley, Sylvia Davis, Louise Mayo, Elizabeth Eskridge, Jane Jeffaries & Myra Snowden.

I'm so glad to meet you all, dear girls, and hope to hear from you again. I see you are girls of mighty good habits, going to church and Sunday School, knowing the lesson, and all those other points. Thank you for the contribution, which will surely be appreciated.

Burns, Miss., Mar. 3, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 8 years of age. I am in the second grade. My teacher's name is Miss Olivia Grant. My Father is a Baptist preacher. I have 6 sisters and 5 brothers. My little baby brother has just begun to walk. I think he is so sweet. I have 2 sisters who are teachers, and 1 is married. If I see this in print, will write again and send some money for the little orphans. Will close, with love,

—Mary Rachel Thornton.

Please, Mary Rachel, send some money, too, for the B. B. I. girl. Baby brother will be running away now: he will have to be watched.

Montrose, Miss., March 3, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I was so proud to see my letter in print. And I surprised my Auntie very much, so I thought I would try again. We take The Baptist Record, and I always enjoy reading The Children's Circle. We are very sorry to hear of Bro. Massey leaving the Orphanage. I know the children are going to miss him. As today was my baby sister's fourth birthday, we decided to write and send 25c each to the orphans for me and my 3 little sisters.

With love and best wishes to all,  
Your same little friend,

—Johnnie Vanosdol.

That is a new way, Johnnie, to celebrate a birthday, and a good one. Thank you very much. I wish you had told us your sisters' names. If

I had to guess, I'd say one of them is named Lucile or Dorothy. Is that right?

Mashulaville, Miss., Mar. 4, 1929.  
Dear Mrs. Lipsey and Circle readers:

Hello everybody! Well, I'm coming again, and please save me a small space. Well, Mrs. Lipsey, I kept my promise about writing. We are going to have an examination today, as we have finished one of our books. I am not a very interesting pen pusher, but I like to try writing. Please excuse this writing. With best wishes, from,

—Louise Sullivan.

P. S.—I'm keeping up with the Bible Study, and like it fine. Miriam and I are both sending money, and you may use mine for the B. B. I. girl.

That is a very interesting postscript, Louise. I'm pleased to hear about the Bible Study, and also to get the money. Write again.

Mashulaville, Miss., Mar. 1, 1929.  
Dear Mrs. Lipsey and Circle Readers:

Will you let a Mashulaville girl join your Circle? I have been reading The Baptist Record a very long time, and I also have been knowing you, Mrs. Lipsey, a long time, for I used to live in Clinton. Daddy went to Miss. College. He is Pastor here at Mashulaville. I am 13 years old. I have brown eyes and black hair. My complexion is dark. I will close with love to everyone.

Miriam Miller.

P. S.—I am sending 25c for the Orphanage. Next time I will send to the B. B. I. girl.

Remember me kindly to your father and mother, Miriam, and we are glad to have you with us in our Circle. Don't wait so long to write next time. Thank you for the money.

Hazlehurst, Miss., Mar. 1, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Here I come again. It has been a long time since I have written, but I have been reading your letters and those of the Circle. I wonder if you had the flu. I have not. I have a new playmate, a little black and white spotted dog. We play together, but she tears my dresses sometimes. Mary Alice King, Annie Sue McManus, Mattie Ruth Amos, Lillie Belle Baily, Martha Woods, Lucile Walker, Anna Frances King and Dorothy McLemore are my playmates at school. I am sending 5c for the B. B. I. girl and 5c for the orphans. I am glad they are going to school. Love to you and all the little boys and girls.

Evelyn Kilcrease.

Thank you, Evelyn, and your money has been divided just as you directed. You surely have a fine group of little girl friends.

Sylvarena, Miss., Feb. 25, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am 9 years old and in the 4th grade. I enjoy reading the children's letters and your Bible questions, too. Dr. Lipsey preached here in November, and visited in my home. My Mother, Daddy and I enjoyed his visit. I am sending 10c for the B. B. I. girl. I go to S. S., and won a prize for going every Sunday last quarter, but I had to miss one Sunday this quarter. Our Primary Supt. is Mrs. Sallie Smith, and my teacher is Mrs. Eula Houston. My Mother is a primary teacher. Your little friend,

Juanita Rae Jones.

I shouldn't wonder if you had flu the Sunday you had to miss, Juanita. Thank you for the money.

Ethel, Miss., March, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

My father takes The Baptist Record, and I read The Children's Circle every month. I think it's a grand circle. I am 10 years old, and in the fifth grade. My school closed February 27. I sure was sorry to see it close. I go to school at Pansy. Our teacher taught us many things

we all need to know. She taught us the 23rd Psalm, 1st and 2nd commandments, also the Lord's Prayer and John 3:16. I go to meeting at Ebenezer. I'm sending 10c for the Orphanage room. Mrs. Lipsey, if you think this is worthy of print, please print it, for I want to surprise Dad. Your page friend,

Maudine Mangum.

I wish you could have had a longer time with that good teacher, Maudine. Thank you for the money, and come to see us again.

Stage, Miss., Feb. 20, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to school and study the 1st grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Vera Jones. I go to S. S. most every Sunday, and my teacher's name is Miss Bessie Cooper. I have 3 sisters and no brothers. Let me describe myself. I have dark brown hair and eyes, and I'm the pet of the family (Baby). As this is my first time to write, I had better close and give someone else room. With much love to all,

Excell Joyner Miles.

P. S.—Enclosed you will find \$5.00 for the little orphans.

This is a grand gift you are sending, Excell. Thank you so much for it. I know just how you look and do now—dark brown hair and eyes, and the pet of the family: don't I?

Shuqualak, Miss., Mar. 8, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little boy 6 years old, and in the first grade. I have a pony named Jo, and have a good time riding him. I got two bicycles Xmas, one from my Grandfather and Grandmother, and one from my Uncle. They didn't know the other one was giving me one. I go to S. S., and my Daddy is Supt. I hope I may join your Circle, for I am interested in the children's page. Enclosed please find 12c for the B. B. I. girl. Your little friend,

Isham Harrison Evans, III.

We are glad to have you come to be a member with us, little friend Isham III. Thank you for the money for the B. B. I. girl. That was a funny mistake about the two Christmas bicycles, wasn't it?

Oxford, Miss., Feb. 16, 1929.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am writing you for the second time. I read the children's letters every week and enjoy reading them so much. I am 10 years old and study the fifth grade. I go to S. S. most every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mrs. B. W. Jones. She is in the hospital sick now. I am sending you 10c for the orphans. I will close and leave space for other girls and boys. With good wishes to you and the orphans, Your friend,

Elgena Marguerite Waller.

When I was a little girl, and a big one, too, we lived at Oxford, at the University. You and Sister must write again. Thank you.

Sandersville, Miss., 3-10-29.

### Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am 8 years old. I go to school to Miss Annie McFarland, and am in the second grade. We live on Sycamore Farm, 1 1-2 miles from Sandersville. I have two little brothers and Father and Mother. We go to S. S. every Sunday. I am sending 10c for the Orphanage.

Your little new boy,

—Thomas Bonner.

I'm glad to welcome my little new boy, Thomas. Write to us again and tell us you have joined the Bible Readers Band. Perhaps Mother will read the chapter to all three of you.

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### PRAYERS THAT ARE ANSWERED

We read in 1st Jno. 3:21 and 22, "Beloved, if our heart condemns us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." It is because we keep His commandments,—"And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another". And it is because we "do those things that are pleasing in His sight"—that we get "whatsoever we ask of Him". Notice, first, that we are commanded to believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ. So the first and most important thing for us to do if we want to please Him, and get whatsoever we ask of Him, is to rely on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. The second part of His commandment is, to "love one another". If we really do depend on the name of His Son Jesus Christ; if we really do love one another as He has commanded us; if we practice doing those things that are pleasing in His sight, then whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him.

Now, those things that are pleasing in His sight, in addition to believing on the name of His Son, and loving one another, may be found in the writings of David. We find in Psalms 147:11 these words: "The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those who hope in His mercies".

We also find that, "the fear of the Lord is to hate evil" (Prov. 8:13).

To sum it all up, we find, that every Christian who relies on the name of the Son of God, who loves his brethren, who does those things that are pleasing to God, who fears Him, who hates evil, and hopes in God's mercies that when they pray that whatsoever they ask of God they receive. Prayer from that kind of Christian moves the hand that guides the universe. Prayers from Christians of that kind may shut up pocketbooks to keep men from supporting those things that are not pleasing to God. Did not Elijah pray for a dearth that the glory of God might appear in the end? Men usually act as they pray and pray as they act. And sometimes the best of Christians are called trouble makers because they are endeavoring to please God rather than men.

Southern Baptists are having trouble. We are heavily involved in debt. Uncertainty and unrest comes from every quarter. We have thieves among us. Carnes is not the only one. Many of our Pastor preachers are compromising with evil by joining "Protestant Pastors Associations" and by engaging in union meetings. Some of our leaders are compromising with evil by fellowshipping Northern Baptists who have gone over to Modernism. I could mention other things, such as majoring on education to the neglect of evangelism, etc. But enough has been said. Southern Baptists are troubled and are spending much time in prayer. But remember that

Joshua was once heavily burdened, and was spending much time in prayer for his people. "And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou there upon thy face? Israel hath sinned."

We need not expect God to hear us and "show us great and mighty things" as long as we continue to compromise with evil.

Our remedy lies in 2nd Chron. 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land". If we will do these things (while no doubt it will shake things up considerably), then whatsoever we ask of Him we will receive. But never will God answer our prayers to give us a revival and put us back on our feet, as long as we fear men, and compromise with evil, instead of fearing God and hating evil.

"If our hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

—J. E. Heath,  
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### I HAVE SEEN

Deacons and other "members of the church"—sitting erect and gazing complacently at whatever chanced to be within range of their vision while the pastor or brother was leading? the worshipers? in thanksgiving and prayer.

I have seen "members of the choir" and their leader whispering and arranging the music for the next exhibition of their talent while pastor or preacher was devoutly pleading with Almighty God on behalf of the congregation.

I have seen "members of the church" attentively engaged in business all the week but "feel too bad" to attend public worship of God on Sunday; therefore stay at home and read—not the Word of God—but the morning newspaper.

I have seen these same "members of the church" taking a stroll Sunday evening, or visiting a friend or place of amusement just to "pass away the time".

I have seen preachers look at their watches repeatedly while preaching; to ascertain, I suppose, how rapidly time was passing, or how slowly they were progressing in delivery of their sermons; but continue speaking all the same.

I have seen "members of the church" become impatient and nervous because the preacher continued speaking a few minutes longer than the half hour they had mentally allotted for delivery of the sermon.

I have seen visitors permitted to go out of the church-house without friendly greeting or invitation to return or any interest manifested in their presence.

I have seen young gentlemen? smoking cigarets in the House of God while lingering a few minutes after the benediction.

I have seen Christian husbands and fathers, some preachers included, go to their business or daily work without reading the Bible or worshipping God with their families.

I have seen Christian families partake of their "daily bread" without offering thanks to God who gave it.

I have, in brief, seen many things that I could wish I had not seen.

—C. M. Sherrouse, Biloxi, Miss.

### DEBTS AND DEBTORS

As sons of God, we should not have a church debt. "Ask whatsoever ye will in my name and I will do it." Then as sons of God and heirs and joint heirs of Jesus Christ, our supply should never run short. The debt has taken the place of Jesus in our preaching. We have those that don't pay, but I think they have not been born again. The pocket-book cannot be converted first. We partake of the world in several things. Let us lift up Jesus Christ, then we will have preaching in the country, then people would come to church. —Mrs. J. T. McSwain.

A railway conductor recently overheard several men talking about the failure of prohibition. The conductor replied: "For years I have been conductor on this local out of Birmingham. On Saturday afternoons in the old days when liquor was sold there we seldom had a trip without half a dozen or more fights. Since prohibition, I don't know when I have had a drunken person on my train."—Ex.

A large convention had been held and one woman said to another:

"Did you have any of the delegates?"

"Yes," she replied, "I had two locust preachers."

"No, no," said the first. You mean two local preachers. Locusts are things which come to a place and eat up everything before they go elsewhere."

"Aye," replied the second woman, "that's the kind I had."—Watchman-Examiner.

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## "The Convention the Best Yet"

"This is the best convention we have ever had", were the words of many who have been to a number of our conventions and are well able to judge. When you make a remark like that it is not a reflection on anyone or any program that we may have had in the past. It is as it should be and next year because of the advance we will have made in all phases of our work we should be able to say that about the convention then. This certainly was a great meeting with every conference, every address, every song service, seemingly perfect. The attendance was above that of last year, and the spirit of the meeting was wonderful. Not a dull moment throughout the entire program, and not many wasted moments, for when the sessions of the convention were not in progress the delegates were spending their time in the trade store getting ideas. All the literature was taken the very first day showing that our young people especially are eager to render a good service. We had a perfect display in the trade store and we were very much elated at the interest manifested in this part of the convention. We are giving here the names of those who registered as they went through and got those helpful ideas that were furnished by some of our most progressive unions.

### The Trade Store Visitors

Marion Bowlin, George Tate, J. F. Pettus, Mrs. Purser Hewett, Louise Smith, Johnnie L. Williamson, Barbara Burris, Effie Lucas, Mrs. N. T. Stuart, Mrs. L. L. Townsend, Mrs. J. W. Gaston, Thomas Patterson, Thomas Hewett, W. Sam Tharpe, A. Calvin Ales, Mrs. W. M. Hartsell, Lucy Carleton Wilds, Alene Harris, Mrs. R. E. Scott, Lucille Stomers, Marjory Ethridge, Erlene Carpenter, Mrs. E. W. Knight, Grace Spencer, Mrs. Wm. F. Blaker, Inis Scott, Velma R. Marshall, Gladys Quinn, Mary Boteler, Ruby Boteler, Ruby Taylor, Sheldon Webb, Frank Bryan, Jr., Mrs. Joe D. Runnels, Frances Witty, Loraine McLelland, Elliot Hedrick, Charles Scott Denson, Lore Cooper, Pauline Rimes, Louise Campbell, Mrs. H. O. Parker, Dorothy Parker, Alvan Austin, Jr., William Todd, Jr., Dorothy Prichard, Edmond Hawkins, Lucile Arnold, Mary Louise Dendy, Mary Elizabeth Cearley, Marguerite Callahan, Annie Hewett Burris, Wilma Smith, Mildred Grantham, Mrs. A. V. Reed, Mrs. C. M. Smith, Frances Smith, Robert L. Jackson, Hilda Lois Nichols, Maurice Shoemaker, Emily Joe Denson, Lillie V. Rose, Velma Norman, Mary Lou Walker, John Hill, Emmett Buckner, Jean Langston, Ethel Branton, Kellan Franks, Eugenia Aldridge, Hazel B. Dixon, Neice Murray, Dorothy Beard, Elmer Prichard, Joseph Flowers, Mary Elizabeth Stigler, Alta Thompson, Ruby Moore, Lula Jean Jones, Ola Ward, Chas. Story, Alci-

dene Holmes, Mary Willie Henson, Wilma Hinson, Jack Coleman, Lamar Sazon, Rethie Mae McGee, Mabel Martin, Gladys Case, Ida Maye, W. R. Covington, Ferman Cumberland, Jenet Parker, Lloyd Thomas, Jim Keenan, Robert Butts, Mrs. Myrtis Spier, Willa Mae McLelland, Mrs. Velma Johnson, Julia Cooper, Myrna Denson, Roberta Izard, Paulene Fortenberry, Neva Fortenberry, Francis Smith, Julia C. Shares, Mariella Patton, Houston Harper, Crystolon Johnson, Veda Spivey, W. A. McComb, Aetna Mills Holloway, Julia Mae Downing, Elizabeth Hudson, Elizabeth Williams, Katherine Brand, Myrtle Mills, Theron Rushing, Laburn Morgan, Mane West, Bobbie Nell Wilson, Mable Owen, Mrs. Rubye Gilliland, Mrs. F. M. Howell, Margaret Smith, Mattie Lee Manning, Dick Kincaid, Jerome Maxwell, Ethel Bailey, La Verne Russom, Annie Lou Oliver, Jessie Parker, Mildred Woods, Allie Watkins, Nell Sanders, Joseph Ross, Robert Dupree Saxon, W. J. Goyer, Fred H. Terry, Francis De Foore, Frances Anderson, Mary Nance, Hinton Kyzar, Wilbur Hall, Mrs. Fred Ainsworth, Grover L. James, W. D. Steen, Mrs. W. D. Steen, Zoil Hardy, Betha Mondy, Louise Twins, Virginia Crenshaw, Joe Newsum, Sam Vinson, Cecil Smith, H. A. Scott, Mrs. H. R. Beasley, Aubrey Kilcrease, Hulon Slay, Ruth Bentz, Vera Bentz, Mrs. Goode Montgomery, Mrs. B. S. Grant, J. H. Pennebaker, Mrs. F. B. Kyle, Mrs. J. M. Chrestman, O. C. Moore, Jamie Jones, Mrs. W. Ray Simmons, Mrs. G. H. Alford, W. E. Ferguson, Mrs. L. H. Beaverly, R. B. Patterson, E. S. Flynt, W. B. Able, Bill Lipsey, Liz Lipsey, Gala Mae Thompson, Frances Provine, Martha Joe Walters, Evelyn Harbour, Jonnie Atkinson, George Atkinson, G. W. Atkinson, Mary Land, Mrs. J. E. Watts, Mrs. J. E. Kinsey, Virginia Kinsey, W. S. Landrum, H. H. Link, Mrs. F. Q. Crockett, Vera McCain, Elsie Caperton, Evelyn Hester, Mrs. Lena Brooks, Elizabeth Denson, A. F. Crittendon, Frances Brame, Lilly Spell, Mrs. James P. Davis, Catherine Izard, Jewel Wells, Vuran McCadle, Myrtle Gunn, Merle Williams, Hazel Weber, Lillian West, Mrs. J. M. Metts, Mrs. R. L. Lambright, Mrs. G. B. Webb, Ruby Sills, Margaret Formby, Mrs. Eastman Formby, Carolyn Madison, Moselle Heffner, William Sutton, George McLeMore, Willie Caldwell, Lodire Wiggins, Ruth Foster, Mrs. C. E. McDonald, Clois Wheelis, John Wade Landrum, James Aldredge, Mary Lassiter, Victor Daniel, Lora Blanche Short, Frances Horton, Mrs. J. M. Short, Mary Merle Cruse, John K. Short, Mrs. Harvey E. Lassiter, Bessie Gibson Lassiter, Mary Katherine Lassiter, Johnnie Love Bonds, Dorothy Stafford, Will Lany McElroy, Bess McGuffie, Ruby Riley, Maurine Bennett, Beatrice Dixon, Sara Dora

Conner, Marietta Youngblood, Willie Mae Frelow, Lillian Hendrick, Juanita Riddell, Jerry Moore, Sue Elkin, Louise Stinnett, Alice C. Brame, Mrs. C. C. Shoemaker, George Carter, Jr., Davdi Lyle Gaines, Cam Moore, Tom Elkin, Ezelle Harwell, Katherine Alexander, Daisy Russell, Ruth Smith, Vera Penton, Mattie Lee Langford, Elizabeth Fuld, Helen Russell, Blanche Winstead, Alberma Burgess, Lois Taylor, Mildred Kirkpatrick, Reba Walters, Clarence Morris, Will Weathersby, Robert Martin, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, Mollie Allen Jamison, Bert Jamison, Mary Burnett, Kathryn Crews, Mrs. Ray M. Dykes, Velma Butler, Jannie Boswell, Lelia Hurst, Nell Crews, Lama D. Burroughs, Sidney Alexander, Mary Hurst, Margie D. Viverette, Mrs. Winnie Barrett, Eleanor Ellis, Hazel Thraser, Eloise Carter, R. L. Breland, Mrs. R. L. Breland, Gertie Luke, L. G. Bassett, Irma Speed, Betty Sue Pittman, John Lewis Davis, Nina Bell Suggs, Jerry Moore, R. L. Swor, Irene Tolbort, Jewell Turner, Juanita Johnson, F. M. Purser, Hazel Rhodes, Guy Ezzell, Lucile Callahan, Sadie Grubbs, Albert Fowler, Lucille Rhodes, Etoile Obannon, Annie Kate Obannon, Hester Seale, Mrs. V. E. Boston, V. E. Boston, Thomas E. Boston, Margaret Townsend, Hazel Green, Mrs. Eugene Pine, Mrs. S. J. Rhodes, Lucille Lide, Louise Dearman, M. E. Green, Caddie McAlister, Joe Parks, Alice Brame, Gwendolyn Parks, Juanita Varnell, W. L. Meadows, Mrs. Fred Terry, Mary D. Yarborough, Nell Miller, Laura Mae Dudley, Joseph Price, James McBride, Ellis Tarbuton, Beth Cole, Inez Reynolds, Jeanette Stevens, Leslie Browning, Mrs. T. F. Clarke, Mrs. J. W. Grice.

We had a book for the visitors to register in and this list represents about five hundred and we have the assurance that there were several hundred more who did not register. If you do not find your name here and you did register it is just an oversight in our rewriting the list, or perhaps we have misspelled it. We appreciate your going to the trouble to register, we find that most Baptist young people are willing to do what you ask them to do when it is in reason.

### The Winners of the Banners

Briefly we give the names of the unions and churches who took the banners this year, congratulating them on their splendid work.

First Church Meridian, Mileage banner; Blue Mountain, College banner; Davis Memorial Jackson, General B. Y. P. U. Organization banner; Oxford, Adult banner; Toomsuba, Senior banner; Peppy Peppers, Davis Memorial Jackson (Orphanage union), Intermediate banner; Baldwin, Junior banner; Perry County, Associational B. Y. P. U. banner; Mississippi Woman's College, Best Idea banner; Calvary Jackson, Best Poster banner; Morton, Sunday School Organized Class banner.

The convention goes to Clarksdale next year.

## Leake County Associational B. Y. P. U. Convention

Sunday, April 7, 1929

- 9:45—Welcome address, Mr. Charles Stephens.
- 9:55—Response, Mr. Kirk Pickle.
- 10:00—Sunday School Lesson.
- 10:45—The hardest point in the Sunday School Standard of Excellence for you to attain and how to reach it, (Discussion), led by Mr. J. J. Paschal.
- 11:15—Message, Mr. A. W. Talbert.
- 12:00—Noon. Appoint committees. Adjourn.
- Dinner**
- 1:30—Devotional and song service, Mr. Golden Clay.
- 1:45—What is Extension Work? Mr. Richard B. Stovall.
- 2:00—Demonstration of weekly program, Carthage Intermediate B. Y. P. U.
- 2:30—Committee conferences.  
Program Committee, led by Mr. A. W. Talbert.  
Membership Committee, led by Miss Valentine Paschal.  
Social Committee, led by Mrs. Lena Brooks.  
Instruction Committee, led by Mr. Charlie R. Williams.  
Missionary Committee, led by Miss Annie Grimes.
- 2:50—Report of conferences.
- 3:00—Conference, led by Mr. A. W. Talbert.
- 3:45—Importance of Daily Bible Readings, Mrs. Kate Grimes.
- 3:55—Report of committees on Nominations and Resolutions. Business.
- 4:15—Adjourn.

Dr. David Z. T. Yui, general secretary of the National Committee of Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, in a recent address said: "Civil wars will be more and more difficult. President Chiang-kai-chek before taking the helm gave up his armies to become a genuine civil authority. Of the ten cabinet ministers, six were educated in the United States, and of the ten seven are Christians. Two of the seven were Young Men's Christian Association secretaries. The leaders now feel that this is the day of their greatest opportunity."

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## COLLEGE COLUMN

## HILLMAN COLLEGE NOTES

Miss Juliette Mather's visit to the campus was an event of red letter significance. Her coming was much enjoyed by the Hillman Y. W. A. girls. Her message to the student body was fine. Miss Fannie Traylor, the young people's leader in the state, and Miss Elizabeth Kethley, college correspondent, accompanied Miss Traylor to Hillman.

Mrs. G. W. Riley, dean of students at Hillman, entertained the Y. W. A. with a surprise which proved most delightful, when the Y. W. A. enrollment reached the 100 per cent mark this session. Every student found a dish laden with fruit, candy and doughnuts placed beside her cover at the evening hour in the dining hall. Candles and decorations added to the fun enjoyed by the girls. Not to be out-done by Mrs. Riley's kindness, the students, led by Mozelle Spain, sang "Here's to Mrs. Riley, Bless Her Heart".

The Hillman girls are continuing to work in the B. Y. P. U. and other activities of the Clinton church. Valuable assistance is given by these devoted students in the music at the church, both instrumental and vocal. Special numbers were given by several Hillman students during the B. Y. P. U. Training School.

President Berry is again leading to the front as a pioneer in making his school in reality "Happy, home-like Hillman", and new brick bungalows to house 12 girls and a chaperon, are to be erected around the campus, some of these to be ready for the next session. This is a new step in Mississippi schools.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

We at Blue Mountain shall not soon forget Dr. Harry Leland Martin, for he has truly endeared himself to our hearts during the past week. It would be glorious if the good things of this life could go on and on indefinitely, but if Dr. Martin could not stay on he has indeed left us a rich heritage of inspiration and encouragement. All of our religious organizations are feeling renewed strength as a result of his spiritual guidance in the lives of individuals on the campus. Truly the Pentecostal Power has been felt upon our campus and God has used Dr. Martin and Mr. Harry Pippin, who directed the singing, in a great way for the uplifting of the entire community.

## B. Y. P. U.

The delegation to the Conference was not extremely large, but we await their return with great expectancy, knowing what a store of inspiration each will bring back.

A greater manifestation of real spirituality is beginning to pervade the atmosphere of our B. Y. P. U. meetings, off of which is due largely to the influence of the series of revival services held last week. The emphasis is being laid more and

more upon real consecration than ever before. The future holds some good work which the B. Y. P. U.'s are going to do.

## Y. W. A.

We were unusually fortunate last week in having Miss Juliette Mather and Miss Fannie Traylor with us. They gave the Y. W. A. work new impetus and their presence was a



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great inspiration to us and their helpful suggestions will prove invaluable to us as the work progresses.

—Louise King.

## STATE B. S. U. COUNCIL MEETS

The S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Convention afforded a good opportunity for the first meeting of the State B. S. U. Council since the election of our new officers. Practically every campus in the state that has organized Baptist religious work was represented in this group to begin plans for our next year's B. S. U. work. Elmer Prichard, the new State B. S. U. President, gave a report of the All-Southern executive council meeting that was held in Nashville, where all the state presidents met with the Southwide Student Workers to formulate some general plans for next year's work. We realize anew the importance of the student work on our college campuses and that we put more effort and prayer in this work. Detailed plans were discussed concerning student retreat at Ridgecrest June 28-July 5; publicity; Baptist student subscriptions; and our next year's state student conference that meets in Hattiesburg. We are already planning and working on this conference, which we expect to still be the best ever.

## WOMAN'S COLLEGE NOTES

1. Early Tuesday afternoon the streets of Jackson were enlivened with the arrival of a large group of Woman's College girls. It was not their uniforms alone that attracted the attention of the passers-by but their beaming faces, which proclaimed that they had come with a purpose—to attend the conference and to receive their share of the blessings in store for Mississippi Baptists.

Hattiesburg was represented not only by this group but also by a large group of older people, representing the various churches of the city. As usual Woman's College girls found places of service, in leading conference, assisting in the sword drill contest, etc. They also served by giving suggestions; and because of their excellent ideas carried home with them the "Best Idea Banner."

Incidentally, Woman's College ranked next to the highest in College B. Y. P. U.'s this year, being exceeded only by Blue Mountain, who carried away the College B. Y. P. U. banner.

2. On Friday, March 15, the Life Service Band held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Johnson. The program was a very effective one, the theme being the needs of the millions in Japan for God's word. It was carried out as a scene in a Japanese home, the girls dressed in Japanese costumes. At the beginning of the program Misses Ollie and Idelle Cook favored the Band with a beautiful duet about God's great love. At the close Mrs. Johnson served a Japanese tea.

3. The old Alma Mater was happy to have with her last week one of her daughters of whom she is unusually proud—Miss Hattie Belle McCracken, who is now with the S. S. Board in Nashville. Because of

her years of ripe experience in B. Y. P. U. work, Miss Hattie Bell was able to bring us many helpful thoughts about our work. And everyone enjoyed her message to the B. Y. P. U.'s.

—Mary B. Wall.

## GREENVILLE

Dr. Chas. E. Henderson said, "we have needed the additional room for sometime, and have longed for the day when we could have a 'standard Sunday School Building. I conceived some plan of remodeling the building soon after I became pastor of this splendid old church, and have dreamed of the day when we could have it. We were about ready to make such a move when the overflow came, but our plans were considerably dampened along with all others in our fair city. We are glad to acknowledge it as an accomplished fact today. It is not ideal by any means, nor what we would have if we were building new, but it is a wonderful improvement over what we have had, and will afford room for our growing Sunday School to expand."

The completion of this program of advancement in the Baptist Church incidentally is a celebration of the entry upon the fifth year of Dr. Henderson as pastor of the Baptist Church here. Dr. Henderson came to Greenville from Calhoun, Ga., and assumed charge of the local church on the first Sunday in March, 1925. Since his coming there have been 370 additions to the church, which now has a total membership of 615. The greater part of the success of the work of the church here is due to the popularity of the minister and the wisdom he has exercised in the administration of the affairs of the church, augmented by hearty support from the membership.

We congratulate Dr. Henderson upon the fourth anniversary of his pastorate here and we congratulate the members of the Baptist Church upon their being able to retain him in starting upon a fifth year of service.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church will hold their session next Sunday morning, for the first time, in their new commodious quarters, made possible by the complete remodeling of the church plant.

The First Baptist Church was erected about 25 years ago and is of the old Akron type of architecture, which was much in vogue at that time. The building as it was constructed then consisted of a main church auditorium and Sunday school rooms in the rear with a balcony extending all around. These were made accessible to the pulpit view by the raising of a movable partition.

The plan for the remodeling, which was drawn by architect H. W. Lathrop at the suggestion of the pastor, called for flooring over the balcony extending round the rear of the building and excavating under the rear of the church. By housing of a Standard A-1 Sunday School.

In the basement is the accommodation for the Cradle Roll, and Primary Departments, with the Mother's



Room adjoining, also a Ladies Rest Room. On the main floor, is the Assembly Room with class rooms for the complete Intermediate Department. The Junior Department will be housed on the third floor with Assembly Room and class rooms for every age of that Department. There is also on this floor a kitchen and modern equipment, and a hall for Banquets.

The Men's Bible Class which built the little chapel along side of the church several years ago has given it up for the Primary Department, and it has been remodeled throughout with Assembly Room and class rooms for the children of that age. The men now meet in the main church auditorium. In fact, the men gave up their building more than a year ago, and all the little folks have been meeting in the chapel since. This was a magnificent sacrificial move on the part of the men, and had probably as much to do with bringing about the whole building program as any one factor in the church. A men's wash room is yet to be built in the basement.

The entire Church Building has been repainted inside and out and thoroughly renovated. It is equipped throughout with electric fans and gas heaters making the whole building comfortable all the year round.

The building has been done by F. C. Owen local contractor, and member of the First Baptist Church.

#### OAK GROVE, Lauderdale County

It is most encouraging to note progress in every department of our work. Most noticeable of all is the Sunday School of which Mr. John L. McLemore is the very efficient superintendent. The report for last Sunday, March 17th is as follows:

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Regular pupils making offering.....	102
Regular pupils attending preaching.....	102
Average grade for the entire school.....	79

Note the following: 10 classes with every regular pupil present having an individual grade of 100, including 4 "Star" classes, where entire enrollment was present, and each pupil with an individual grade of 100. It was also worthy of note that only 5 regular pupils in the entire School having an individual grade of less than 100.

This high degree of efficiency is a great tribute to Superintendent McLemore and reveals the most beautiful co-operation of his efficient and consecrated officers and teachers.

Our great need just at present is a building and from the way the building fund is growing and the sacrificial efforts these good people are making it will not be long before this need is realized.

—T. B. McPheeters

#### TUSCOLA

On Sunday, March 3, the Tuscola Baptist Church began a series of meetings with their pastor, C. T. Johnson.

Sunday night service was conducted by their former pastor, W. M. Parkes. Monday following Rev. R. B. Patterson came to assist the pastor. The weather was fine with the exception of rain twice during the week, but not a service was missed. The messages of Bro. Patterson were powerful and convincing. He presented the gospel of Jesus Christ in a most forceful and appealing manner. It would seem that only a heart of stone could reject such a wonderful love and salvation as this man of God offered to the people in the name of the "Lowly Nazarene". He also preached some great messages to the church membership on prayer, personal work and stewardship. We feel that no Christian could listen to these messages of admonition and appeal for a purer and nobler life and go away from the house of God without a firm determination to be a more consecrated Christian, a more loyal citizen and a more devoted husband, wife, parent or child.

On Thursday of the week a very beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed in which two of our brethren, namely, J. H. Barnett and L. L. Denson, were ordained deacons of the church. After a real heart to heart talk on the qualifications and duties of a deacon by Bros. Patterson and Johnson the ceremony was completed by the above mentioned men and Bros. W. M. Parkes and R. L. Denson.

There were 14 accessions to the church, 7 by letter and 7 upon a profession of faith.

The ties of church fellowship were strengthened and the community as a whole feels greatly benefited.

Bro. Patterson has indeed won the love and esteem of every Christian

in our little church, and we pray God's especial blessings on him and his.

This people have just completed a new house of worship and expect to dedicate it in about 30 days.

—Mrs. Lena Brooks, C. C.

#### PASS CHRISTIAN

The First Baptist Church of Pass Christian was organized a little over a year ago, having ten charter members, since which time the membership has grown to nearly one hundred. The church has not had a permanent location. For the past several months it has worshiped in the Methodist Church on Davis Avenue. It is a cause for great rejoicing that the congregation now has a home of its own in which to carry on the work so nobly begun. A great many people have been interested in the beginning of this work. The Baptist pastors and leaders of the Harrison County Baptist Association had much to do with the opening up of the work. Brother W. R. Cory and wife of Gulfport have worked along with the faithful members of the church in and out of season. Two revival meetings have been held; one was led by Rev. D. Wade Smith, evangelist of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and another very fine meeting was held by Rev. E. C. Almond, pastor of the Baptist Church of Wesson.

The coming of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hatter from the Coliseum Place Baptist Church in New Orleans gave a great impetus to the work, and Mr. Hatter has worked untiringly for the new building.

The contractor, Mr. Victor Hansen, and his fine crew of workmen have taken a great personal interest in the building and have worked night and day for its completion.

Speaking of the new building and its purpose Pastor Allen said: "Its doors will ever be open to all people of whatever faith and of no faith, 'Whosoever will may come.' Our aim will be to help in every good cause that seeks for the betterment of all the people in our Coast town. We are here to help and not to hinder; to love and not to hate; to pray, to bless, and to uplift."

The drink bill for the United Kingdom has risen from 167,000,-

000 pounds in 1913, the year before the World War to 300,000,000 in 1927. There was a decrease in alcohol consumption, but the country was paying eighty per cent more in money to buy less liquor. Mr. Carter, in the Christian World, London, declares that "the closing of the liquor bar in the House of Commons would add intelligence to Parliamentary debates."

The Indiana State legislature is considering a cigarette tax bill. And why not? Why not tax cigarettes instead of gasoline? Cigarettes are a luxury. Gasoline is a necessity. A cigarette tax would bring money into the State treasury to be used for worthy ends.

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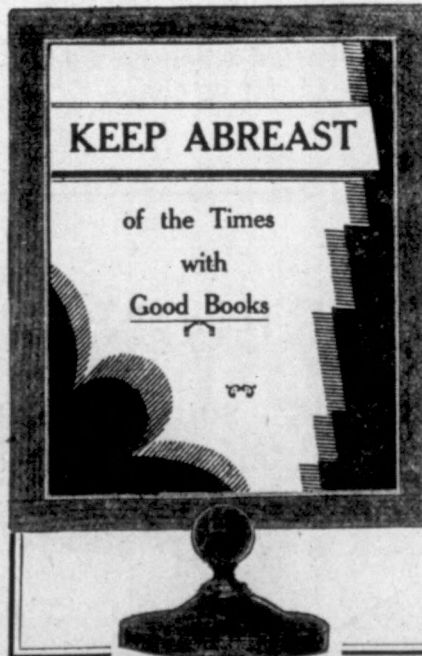


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# LATIN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS

## THE LAND OF THE FUTURE

Latin-America, which includes all Latin-speaking countries to the South of us, covers twice as much territory, but it has only two-thirds as many people as the United States.

In South America the population is settled along the coast. In the interior are found the widest stretches of unsettled country in the world.

South America, with its good climate, vast resources and open spaces, is destined to be the promised land of the immigrants of the future. The tide of immigrants is pouring in from all nations. Argentina received immigrants last year from 95 countries. In Latin-America we are to witness the last stand of the human race. There is manifest appropriateness in the slogan, "South America for Humanity." What shall be the religious life of that new race which is to be compounded out of representatives from all peoples?

## THE LAND OF REVOLUTIONS

All Latin-America is in a ferment of revolt against despotic autocracy in both politics and religion. The conflict which has been going on in Mexico for several years is a determined effort toward the separation of Church and State. The Mexican Government proposes to put the Church out of politics.

Anti-clericalism is a dominant feature in every Latin-American State. They are not opposed to religion as such, but they are opposed to the kind of religion the Roman Catholic Church has been fostering. They have little understanding of Christianity. They know only of the Roman Church, which they conceive to be a self-enriching, politically minded, formal, autocratic organization.

The sad result is that the intelligent classes are turning away from the Church to agnosticism, atheism, indifference.

The only remedy for this distressing religious situation is the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The issue was stated clearly by a Chilean politician when he said, "In South America it is Christ or chaos."

## THE LAND OF HOPEFUL SERVICE

The advancement of popular education is one of the most significant movements in Latin-America today. The Roman Catholic Church, which had exclusive control of education for centuries, made practically no effort toward the education of the masses. It lived for itself and failed the people, and they are turning away from it now. The Calles Government in Mexico established one thousand schools for the Indians. The students in State institutions in Argentina, Chile and Peru are conducting, voluntarily, schools for the masses. Interest in the education of the masses is growing rapidly.

The recent "Good Will" visit of President Hoover not only performed a wonderful service in welding fraternal bonds, but it manifested as nothing has ever done the growing significance of Latin-America. The increasing realization of a common interest now filling the minds of both Latin and English Americas furnishes an atmosphere more and more favorable to the preaching of that wider brotherhood which is to be found in Jesus Christ.

There is evidence of much spiritual hunger, especially amongst the young people. In some of the Republics we are finding most encouraging response to the gospel message. Perhaps no country in which our Board operates presents now a greater promise of immediate acceptance of the gospel message than does Brazil. It supports the cause well also. Seventy-two out of the eighty-one churches in the State of Rio are self-supporting. The per capita gift of our Latin-American Baptists is larger than that in any of our other fields.

The drift from Romanism creates a peculiarly urgent situation. The friendly attitude of the people opens wide the doors. The fine success of our efforts inspire us. Shall we fail our neighbors as others have done, or shall we meet faithfully one of the most unique opportunities that ever arose to challenge us?

What more do we need to convince us of the good strategy and our manifest obligation to make an immediate advance in our work in Latin-America?

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